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Jim Keegstra and his wife outside the Calgary courthouse.

A moving ceremony

Herzog visits death camp

By
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BONN —

Chaim Herzog set foot on German soil last week, the first Israeli President to do so.

In Bergen-Belsen, the former concentration camp, Herzog, reciting the words of the psalmist, 'My pain is with me forever," unveiled a rock quarried in Jerusalem and dedictated it to the memory of those who perished in the Holocaust.

"I do not bring forgiveness with me, nor forgetfulness," declared Herzog. "The only ones who can forgive are the dead. The living have no right to forget. Thus I will surely remember, with a heavy heart."

The brief, moving ceremony at Bergen-Belsen followed by a few hours Herzog's arrival at Bonn, where he was greeted with a 21-gun salute and personally welcomed by President Richard Von Weizsaecker of the Federal Republic.

Several hundred people assembled here, including Holocaust survivors and West German dignitaries, headed by Von Weizsaecker and the prime minister of Lower Saxony, Ernst Albrecht. Many fought back tears as the prayer for the dead was chanted by a cantor.

Herzog recalled: "I was here for the first time 42 years ago. Then I was a Jewish soldier from the land of Israel. . . . The memory of those shocking sights will never, ever leave me.

"Now, accompanied by some survivors, I return as President of the State of Israel, the independent Jewish state, by decision of its sovereign government, to bear witness before you that the ultimate destiny of the Jewish people will never be betrayed and that the Jewish people lives on."

At the ceremony, a Holocaust survivor, Hadasa Rosensaft, recognized Herzog as one of the officers of the British army which liberated the concentration camp. She burst into tears and embraced the President.

The memorial service at Bergen-Belsen was a far cry both in mood and setting from the ceremonial pomp that greeted Herzog and his wife Aura when they stepped from their Israel Air Force jet at Bonn airport.

After reviewing a guard of honor, Herzog was flown by helicopter to Villa Hammerschmidt, the official residence of President Von Weizseacker. There, German army units passed in review and the national anthems of Israel and West Germany were played.

In Bonn, Chancellor Helmut Kohl, in his strongest public statement on the Nazi era, called the crime of genocide against the Jews a crime "unprecedented in history," declaring "we should keep alive the memory of the full extent of that terrible past" and "will oppose any attempts to dismiss them from our thoughts or belittle them."

The chancellor's remarks, at a luncheon in honor of Herzog, was seen as a warning against attempts by some West German scholars to equate the Nazi extermination of Jews with other crimes in modern history and by neo-Nazis to rewrite history by claiming the Holocaust never occurred.

"The period of genocide is the darkest chapter in German history," Kohl said. "We Germans have to live with the terrible truth that in the days of National Socialism the Jews were subjected to unspeakable suffering at the hands of the Germans. . . . It is part of our self-image that we keep alive the memory. . . ."

Kohl ended his speech with a toast "to Israel's future in peace and self-determination." But he made clear that West Germany and Israel differ on approaches to Middle East peace.

Bonn strongly supports an international conference to resolve the Arab-Israeli conflict, the chancellor said. "We welcome that fact that the idea of an international negotiating forum is gaining increasing acceptance in Israel. The positions are still far apart, but there are encouraging signs," he said. He also reiterated Bonn's longstanding support for the right of Palestinians to self-determination.

In the city of Worms, Herzog thanked the inhabitants for preserving in this historic city the most important remains of Jewish culture in Germany.

"These vestiges speak the language of history. They bring to life the small Jewish community which lived among the Germans," Herzog said at a reception given by the mayor of Worms.

He was referring to the rebuilt synagogue, which dates from the 11th century, to the Jewish cemetery, the oldest in Europe, and to the Rashi Chapel, named for Rabbi Solomon Ben Isaac, known as Rashi, who was a student in Worms in the 11th century.

Herzog, accompanied by President von Weizsaecker, visited those landmarks. He spoke of the Jewish community in Worms, which is believed to have originated in Roman times.

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Herzog's 5-day tour of West Germany, following a 5-day visit to Switzerland, was controversial in Israel where some thought no President of Israel should set foot on German soil.

Von Weizsaecker went out of his way to thank Herzog for accepting Bonn's invitation. "Of course I understand those who voiced criticism,' he told reporters three days before Herzog's arrival. He said the visit by the Israeli chief of state was "an extraordinary event of an extremely important meaning."

Hating evil is valid Keegstra court told

By
PAUL LUNGEN

CALGARY —

"Hate is a valid human emotion" when directed against evil, the Alberta Court of Appeal was told last week.

"We must have the power to hate evil and promote the hatred of evil," Doug Christie, the lawyer representing convicted hatemonger Jim Keegstra, said. "There's no rational justification for saying hatred per se" should be curbed, he argued.

Christie asked the Court of Appeal to overturn Keegstra's conviction for promoting hatred of Jews while a teacher in Eckville. He said "hatred can be rational if it is founded on truth. (It is) not inherently evil unless it is false." The Victoria lawyer added that where there is no evidence to support hatred, the target groups can rebut the statements made against them in the marketplace of ideas.

History shows that hatred can be justified, Christie said, citing the example of Martin Luther's arguments against the Catholic Church in the 16th century.

Christie's argument that there was no compelling social justification for outlawing the promotion of hatred was one of 32 grounds he and co-defence counsel Duncan McKillop raised in Keegstra's appeal.

The two lawyers kicked off their defence by arguing that Section 281.2 of the Criminal Code — which outlaws the promotion of hatred against identifiable groups — is unconstitutional.

McKillop told the 3 judge panel that guarantees of freedom of expression enshrined in Section 2 of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms make free speech absolute unless limited by other sections of the Charter.

In later argument, Christie maintained that the Code section not only infringes on free speech, but also created an onus on the defence to prove the truth of the statements made. That violated other Charter guarantees that an accused person is presumed innocent until proven guilty, he said.

McKillop and Christie also argued there was no justification under Section 1 of the Charter to abridge Section 2's "absolute" right of free speech. (Section 1 limits other Charter rights such as free expression when demonstrably justifiable in a free and democratic society.)

Christie said the social benefits of full expression outweigh limitations on the exercise of free speech. There is also a social benefit in promoting hatred if the statements made are true, he added.

While a social studies teacher at Eckville High School, Keegstra taught that Jews were satanic, evil, responsible for world calamities, were conspiratorial and set on undermining Christianity. He also told his grades 9 and 12 students the Holocaust was a hoax.

Other of Keegstra's wild tales include allegations that Jews are "self-styled" and imposters, the descendants of a tribe of Khazars unentitled to claim they are true Jews. Modern Jews adhere to Zionism and the Talmud, which he said was a non-religious blueprint for world power.

Justice Roger Kerans termed Christie's statements "hyperbolic."

In earlier argument, McKillop said s. 281.2 should be ruled unconstitutional and invalid because it unjustifiably limits the right to free expression, which included the right to dissent from accepted views. The defence lawyer's argument prompted searching questions from the justices. Kerans asked whether there was a constitutional right to say something that's not true or to abuse others.

"The words in s. 2 relating to free speech must have some limit," he suggested. "They can't mean every possible human activity." Some definition has to be put on them, he said.

Citing the hypothetical case of a man bludgeoning his wife, Kerans said that too could be considered the expression of an idea. Would someone have the right under s.2 to do so, subject only to s. 1's limitation on other Charter rights? he asked.

In later argument, however, Kerans asked Crown attorney Bruce Fraser whether s. 281.2 of the Criminal Code outlawed only false or untrue statments that promote hatred. If so, he continued, because the section requires an accused person to prove the truth of the statements if hatred is shown, doesn't that violate Charter guarantees to be presumed innocent until the Crown proves guilt?

Fraser told the court free speech in Canada,

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Deadline changes

Because of our move to new premises at 10 Gateway Blvd. in Don Mills, it was necessary for this issue of The CJN to go to press a couple of days earlier than usual. As a result we had to close off the news flow from Israel at 5 p.m. on Thursday, April 9. We'll try to catch up with the weekend news in the next issue.

Because of the Passover holidays and Good Friday the April 23 and April 30 issues will also be going to press early. It's now past deadline for organizational news for both issues and we can only accept "earth shattering" stories for them. The absolute final deadline for hard NEWS for April 23 is TODAY, April 16, at noon.

Your cooperation will be appreciated.

Israel plans for potential influx of Soviet Jews

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — Israel is readying for the potential influx of about 10,000 Soviet Jews.

Sources here report that both the Jewish Agency and absorption ministry have agreed on a "a radical new absorption policy" and budgeted it at $250 million (U.S.) to be shared equally.

This figure works out to up to $25,000 (U.S.) per Soviet Jewish immigrant during the first five years of his or her life in that country. In addition to housing, the funds are to be used for Hebrew education and subsidization of salaries in the initial year of the immigrant's residence.

The plan would offer the new Soviet immigrants the option of avoiding absorption centres and going to the free rental market for first-year housing, with rent subsidies from the ministry.

The immigrants would choose their own dwellings in the city of their choice or would occupy apartments acquired by the ministry. Apart from the development towns, absorption centres are full.

Absorption Minister Ya'acov Tsur is quoted as saying that a bigger problem than housing is employment. According to his ministry's estimates, a large proportion of the immigrants are highly trained professionals, and inter-ministerial activity will be required to solve the placement problems.

The education ministry also began plans last week for the absorption of the new immigrants into the system.

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Unhappy Shabbat incident

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I write this column in great sadness, on the day after it happened. Someone came into our synagogue just before Shabbat services were about to begin, mounted the bimah and proceeded to overturn the pulpit from which Torah is read and the sermons are preached. The lectern came crashing to the floor, its panels broken and glass strewn all over. An usher tried to apprehend the man, a fellow in his 20s, but he got away.

Rabbi Plaut

The police came and they searched the building, which for them is a matter of routine under such circumstances. They found a parcel in the basement which no one had seen before and in consequence the bomb squad was called. Fortunately the parcel turned out to be harmless. That was the only good thing I can report about that incident. For the worst is yet to follow.

The last time our synagogue was attacked was 20 years ago. It happened during the Six Day War. Emotions ran high and someone threw a rock through one of our stained glass windows. We patched the hole not with a colored piece of glass but with a clear one which one will notice at once, and a plaque reminds the onlooker of the injury done to us all. That was in 1967.

Careful inquiry

We did not know who perpetrated the outrage then, and if we had not seen the desecrator this time we would have assumed that he or she was an anti-semite. Here comes the saddest part of all.

We did see the man who committed the outrage and he was a Jew . . . with payes and tsitsis.

He had come into the synagogue like everyone else, and our people — naively it turned out — assumed that he had come to pray with us. He made careful inquiry what kind of a shul he had entered and when told it was a Reform synagogue he ran up to the bimah. I will spare you further details.

At this writing I do not know the identity of the young man, and I will assume that he was a bit "touched." But even assuming he was, it does not hide the bitter truth that he had learned to hate us and what we stand for from the environment in which he moves and perceived that this was the best way to get at the "destroyers of Judaism," as the Israeli Chief Rabbis have deigned to call us. I am not sure how the pious chassid squared his activities with the sanctity of Shabbat, but in any case he had decided that we must be taught a lesson.

Incites strife

He did that, all right. But the lesson he taught us is different from what he had in mind. By his deed he reminded us that the kind of poison that made a rabbi attack a Progressive synagogue in Jerusalem's Baka quarters last Simchat Torah, is being dispensed in Toronto as well. Apparently we are breeding such fanatics right here.

What will my pious friends say now? That the young man was motivated highly but merely went too far? Or will they look at themselves and see clearly what they are doing? Instead of *ahavat Yisrael* are they teaching *sin'at chinnam?* Instead of loving one's people are they teaching to hate them?

Alas, those to whom this message is first and foremost directed will probably not read it. Even if this newspaper isn't treif for them, I certainly am. But I hope there are enough other Jews — Orthodox, Conservative, Reconstructionist, Reform, or secular — who are beginning to understand that the enemy is not just the one without, but also the one that incites our people to disunity and internecine strife.

To be delivered from such evil is a prayer we should add to this year's seder celebration.

Pawn in Pollard affair

U.S. oleh caught in the middle

By
ROBERT ROSENBERG

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — All Harold Katz wanted to do was rent out the small apartment that he owned in Washington.

Now he has become a pawn between Israel and the United States, pushed around on a media chessboard in which every square is a test of his loyalties and responsibilities — as an American, as an Israeli, as a lawyer, as a former Israel defence ministry employee and as a businessman.

The Israeli government does not want him to go to the United States — where he is a citizen and a member of the bar — because he might be subpoenaed to appear before a grand jury.

And in addition to questions about the apartment he wanted to rent — an apartment that last week became arguably the most famous in the world — he could be questioned about his 11 years as legal counsel to the Israeli defence ministry.

Katz immigrated to Israel in 1972. In 1985, while on a visit to Washington, he decided to rent out the small flat he had recently purchased. Indeed, he already had some Israeli tenants lined up.

While in Washington he happened to bump into Irit Erb, a defence ministry secretary he knew from the 1970s when he was legal counsel to the ministry. She, by coincidence, was renting an apartment in the same building.

Katz mentioned to her that he needed to get some cheap furniture because he had promised a semi-furnished apartment to his tenants. She offered to do him a favor. Erb said she knew of another tenant in the building who was selling some furniture. Katz gave her $300 cash to buy the furniture and a key to the apartment.

His lawyer also had a key, he told her, and would handle the actual rental arrangement with the tenants, who were due to arrive a few weeks later. Erb, he assumed, would hand over the key to the new tenants when they arrived.

That is all Katz says he knew about any connection between Erb and his apartment until he got a phone call from her six months later. She was back in Israel, she told him, and has just given testimony to a Washington prosecutor who was in Israel to gather information about the Jonathan Jay Pollard spy case.

Erb had told the investigators that she had used Katz's apartment as a meeting place with Pollard and that it was in Katz's apartment that she photocopied the documents that Pollard, a U.S. Navy intelligence analyst, had passed on.

She was calling Katz, she said, to let him know that the investigators might now be calling him and to tell him what she had divulged.

Sure enough, he got the call, and in a sworn affidavit he explained about the apartment, the cash, the furniture, and the key.

In this affidavit — given "under pain and penalty of perjury" — Katz denied any knowledge of Pollard and denied having met Col. Aviem Sella, let alone having introduced the two. He also insisted that he had never handled any money or documents connected with the case.

He was certainly unaware that his apartment was being used as a meeting place for Pollard the spy and Sella his "handler." Nor did he know that the apartment had been fitted with high-quality copying machines that Erb used for duplicating the material he supplied.

With that, he figured, the affair — as far as he was concerned — was over. And because Katz had been trained to be discreet, none of his many friends in Israel knew about his affidavit to the Americans.

Almost a year later, the two Israeli principals in the Pollard affair — the chief culprits in what the Israeli government described as an unauthorized, "rogue" operation — were, apparently, handsomely rewarded for their endeavors.

Aviem Sella was put in charge of Israel's largest air base, while Rafi Eitan was tapped for the top job at Israel Chemicals, the largest government industry.

By now, the United States was mad. The words of contrition and the promises of full cooperation by Israel had, in America's eyes, turned into a badly performed farce.

Implied wider spy network

Then Katz's name suddenly appeared on the front pages of prestigious United States newspapers as a mysterious contact who had introduced Pollard to Sella and had handled the financial transactions connected with the affair.

According to one newspaper, quoting sources connected with the investigation, Israel's refusal to allow Katz to testify about the case — even though he had been granted immunity — was a sure sign that Jerusalem was covering something up. And that "something," they implied, was a wider Israeli espionage network in the United States.

In conversations with his friends, 65-year-old Katz says he has nothing to hide on the subject.

But he does have a problem. As legal counsel to Israel's defence ministry between 1972 and 1983, he is very well informed about what he calls "matters of sensitivity."

As a former employee of the defence ministry — and as an Israeli citizen — he signed a document that forbids him to give information on those matters to anybody unauthorized to receive that information.

Grand juries in the United States have extremely broad mandates. A witness can be asked — and, once given immunity, is required to answer — a range of questions that can go far beyond the original intention of the grand jury.

Katz is ready to answer any questions the prosecutors would like to ask. The Israelis say that's fine by them — as long as the questions are asked in Israel, even in the United States embassy in Tel Aviv, if that is what the prosecutors want. So far, the prosecutors have declined to take up the offer.

Katz first started doing favors for Israel when he became a Mahal officer on board illegal immigration ships to Palestine in the years immediately after World War II.

He got sidetracked into a successful career in the U.S., thus postponing aliya for almost 30 years. But he continued doing favors for Israel.

Like many American Zionists, he opened his home — and often his wallet — to Israelis on official or unofficial business. But providing a Washington safe-house for Israeli spies was not the kind of favor he had in mind.

Like many American Zionists, he sometimes feels that he has been used by the Israelis. His Hebrew is good enough to know the word "freier," which is inadequately translated as "sucker," and in very, very private conversations he might even use the term to make a joke at his own expense.

Theme of hypocrisy runs through the Godgate scandal

By
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WASHINGTON —

If the Reagan Revolution was erected on a tripod of morality, ideology and benign greed, then bad news has certainly come in threes. First came the insider-trading scandal, then the one about selling arms to Iran and now the admission by the evangelist Jim Bakker that he had a wee sexual interlude with a church worker: Greedgate, Irangate and Godgate — as usual, money is squandered.

Of them all, Godgate is certainly the most alluring if only because it involves sex. Bakker, a minister with a television parish numbering in the millions, has resigned as the head of the PTL (Praise the Lord) Club and turned things over to Rev. Jerry Falwell. He admits to having paid $115,000 in blackmail to keep his tryst quiet and attributes his public shaming to an attempt by someone to mount a hostile takeover of his ministry.

As with the other scandals, this one begs for the appointment of an investigatory commission or a special prosecutor. (John Tower, where are you when we need you?) There are many questions to be answered: How does anyone launch a hostile takeover of a ministry in which no shares are traded? Why didn't Bakker simply deny his 15-minute "sexual interlude" and tell his quarter-hour Delilah to go fly a kite? Were there, possibly, other 15-minute interludes, so many of them that maybe over the last decade Bakker has spent a total of 3½ hours in illicit sex?

When it comes to Bakker, two emotions collide. The first is scorn. His incessant fund raising, his hyper-hypocrisy and his rigid orthodoxy are hardly to be admired. He is a salesman of salvation, a religious rainmaker who sold the unattainable to the gullible but attained a Palm Springs house for himself. He preached what he himself could not practice. His wife was addicted to prescription drugs, he had succumbed to lust and yet on countless television sets he bubbled a message that was beyond his own reach.

But the second emotion is compassion. Bakker and his flock, indeed many of the evangelical ministers, are like rigid buildings in a high wind. They have no give and so they snap. It is always an all or nothing proposition for them — sin or virtue. They acknowledge only the either/or of life, not its confounding relativity. That makes their plight only worse. For instance, Bakker attributes his sexual dalliance not to lust, but to an attempt to make his wife jealous — an adultery to promote a better marriage. Believe him if you will, and then call me for a swell deal on the Brooklyn Bridge.

The underlying theme of hypocrisy in the Bakker scandal is a rich vein that should be mined to its fullest. It has the widest application and goes to the heart of what are often called the social issues — the soul of the Reagan Revolution. It's not hard to believe that abortion, which they want banned, they would have themselves, if they had to. The homosexuality they condemn as a whimsical perversion they don't connect to the urges that drive them to their own brand of sin. They prescribe traditional values for families buffeted by economic and social forces beyond their control — offering placebos out of the Reader's Digest for the real ailments of contemporary America.

For some, the current scandal amounts to low comedy, a battle for bucks by a bunch of leisure-suited charlatans. But to their flock, this is tragedy, and one that unfortunately sullies evangelists who are beyond reproach. Even the habitually gullible can catch the scent of money and power: the need for funds to erect Potemkin Village theme parks in which a contrived past is recreated in the synthetic present. The world of the religious hucksters exists only on television and in Divinity Lands — places of constant values and carpentered nostalgia.

But, as always, the false past has been vanquished by the all-too-real present. Headlines announce a hotel-room tryst and a financial empire goes into spiritual receivership. The people hurt by the scandal are the true believers who thought they could stave off the troubles of modern life. In this, they were encouraged by the political establishment. It babbled its own version of the old-time religion: Greed is good; anti-Communism is always virtuous and social problems can be eradicated by just saying no.

The present troika of scandals is rooted in the simplicity of those catch phrases. Like all simple truths, they are too simple to be always true.

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New president personally opposed to current elections

Azrieli feels CZF should drop partisan politics

By
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MONTREAL — David Azrieli, the new president of the Canadian Zionist Federation, said he is opposed to holding elections in Canada for the World Zionist Congress, but he will not attempt to change the minds of those in favor.

"Frankly, I feel elections are a waste of effort, but I can sympathize with those who believe elections will rejuvenate the CZF and create interest. I doubt I could change the minds of those constituents who feel that without elections they will receive less of a mandate than they deserve," Azrieli said in an interview.

Azrieli, who succeeds Neri Bloomfield as CZF president, also sees value in the CZF's being able to boast that it is the only one of the three major national Jewish organizations in Canada which holds truly democratic elections.

Kadima and Mercaz, the Zionist organizations of the Reform and Conservative Jewish movements, respectively, have insisted on elections in Canada.

World Zionist Organization rules are that elections open to the total membership of the national Zionist federation must be held to determine the composition of a country's delegation to Congresses, unless unanimity is reached among all Zionist groups.

The CZF has scheduled elections by ballot through the mail for June 8, or possibility earlier if the computations of the membership lists are completed sooner than expected. The 31st Zionist Congress is set to open in Jerusalem Dec. 7.

Azrieli takes over the leadership of the CZF, the umbrella organization of a dozen Zionist groups, ranging from both extremes of the political spectrum, at an auspicious point in its history. The CZF's membership campaign, which ended March 27, chalked up a record 71,500 members.

This figure represents a 43% increase over the 49,900 members signed up during the last CZF membership campaign held four years ago, said CZF executive director Meyer Krentzman. The global total of 71,500 may be reduced somewhat when each constituent organization's lists are compared for duplications. The final figure should be available in May.

Azrieli, who was chairman of the executive, became president at the end of March under an agreement signed with Bloomfield in 1984. He has no set term but said he has no interest in becoming "president for life."

"In the second or third year of my presidency a national convention of the CZF will be held and I hope the election of a new president will take place. I do not contemplate running a second time; I will be happy with two or three years, and I believe I can do a lot in that time."

The only other change in the administration of the CZF at this time is the naming of Clara Balinsky of Montreal and Max Shecter of Toronto as co-chairmen of the board.

One of the things to which Azrieli is committed is the completion of constitution for the CZF which should clarify such matters as terms of officers. A draft constitution is now being prepared and should be ready for the consideration of the constituent organizations by this fall, Azrieli said.

At the last CZF national convention in 1984, a resolution was adopted to write a constitution for the CZF.

Though Azrieli's term as president may be short, it should be a busy one. In addition to the Zionist Congress, a number of important anniversaries will be observed: the 20th anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem this spring, the 100th anniversary of Zionism in Canada this fall and, next year, the 40th anniversary of Israel's independence.

Although more than a year away, plans are already being made for a celebration of the latter event involving the entire Canadian Jewish community, Azrieli said.

Azrieli, who describes himself as a "general Zionist," believes the CZF must move away from partisan politics and encourage more involvement by Canadian Jews who do not want to align with any of the factions in Israel.

"Political parties in the Diaspora is a remnant, a vestige of bygone days. Politics is a matter for the people of Israel to decide."

Past president of the Zionist Organization of Canada, Azrieli said he is "middle of the road" politically and believes free enterprise is the best philosophy for Israel.

Another goal Azrieli has set for himself is to increase the number of volunteers working for the CZF, not only those on its board and executive, but people who want to give some time to its programs. "The doors are open, and there is lots of work to do."

David Azrieli

The CZF headquarters will be moving shortly to the Snowdon district from Greene Ave. in Westmount to be closer to the heart of the Jewish community.

Top priorities of the Azrieli administration are aliya and Jewish education. As many opportunities as possible will be offered to Jewish young people to study or work in Israel.

Specifically, he hopes the CZF will compile a definitive list of the numerous scholarships that exist in communities throughout Canada for such programs. "We simply want to make this information available, not control these funds," he added.

As a real estate developer who has invested heavily in Israel, Azrieli hopes he will be able to persuade other Canadian Jews to do likewise.

"Every Jew, whatever his means, can make a contribution to the economy of Israel, by buying Israeli products, spending their tourist dollars in Israel or sharing their expertise in the development of high technology, science, industry and agriculture in Israel."

The foundation of Azrieli's Zionism is a belief in Am Ehad (Jewish unity) and Ga'ava Yehudit (Jewish pride). "It is terribly important for Jews, in the face of adversity, to express pride in no longer being a stateless people."

Azrieli was born in Eastern Europe, left after losing most of his family in the Holocaust and went to Palestine. He served in the Israel Defence Forces, fighting in the 1948 war, and studied architecture at the Technion, before settling in Montreal in 1954 "more or less penniless."

From the construction of four houses in a Montreal suburb, Azrieli proceeded to make a fortune in the design and building of office complexes, high-rise residences and shopping centres in Canada, the United States and Israel. He developed and owns Israel's only modern shopping centre in Ramat Gan, and is building two others in Jerusalem and Beersheba.

Azrieli is national president of the Canadian Technion Society (his alma mater has named its architecture school after him) and a national vice-president of the Canadian Friends of Yeshiva University, among a lengthy list of memberships on the boards of other community organizations.

Azrieli has set up endowments at Yeshiva University and Concordia University, which have both awarded him honorary degrees. He was named a member of the Order of Canada in 1984. He and wife Stephanie have four children.

Central Bureau's data confirms:

Israeli economy booming

By
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JERUSALEM — The Israeli economy is undergoing what appears to be the strongest boom in recent years, according to figures released by the Central Bureau of Statistics.

The statistics showed that imports of raw material and capital goods, as well as consumer goods, soared in the first quarter of the year. Meanwhile, figures released by the Employment Service showed a considerable drop in the number of unemployed in recent months.

Treasury officials said last week that economic activity is some 10% above what it was at the same time last year: "There is strong evidence we are going through a marked boom," said one official.

The Central Bureau of Statistics showed that imports in the first three months of the year totaled $2.7 billion, 24.5% more than in the first quarter of last year. Imports for March alone totaled almost $1.1 billion, 88% of which were raw materials and investment goods, and the rest consumer goods.

Quarterly imports of investment goods totaled over $500 million, compared with some $360 million last year, an increase of 39%. It was the steepest rise in five years for the import of capital goods and indicated high expectations in the business community about the future.

Imports of raw materials and spare parts rose by up to 30%, a sign that output could be expanding rapidly. The value of these imports totaled $3.6 billion.

Contrary to previous expectations, quarterly imports of consumer goods — especially durables — did not slow down, but actually soared by 59%.

Signs that production has been expanding were also evident from figures on the number of job seekers.

According to the figures, the number of people seeking jobs through the employment bureaus went down from 36,350 in February to 34,200 in March. The average number of job seekers in 1986 had been 42,269.

The Employment Service added that last month there were 15,360 job seekers who were unemployed for over a week, the fewest since 1984.

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Israel's relations with the United States, the issue of Soviet Jews, Middle East peace and economic recovery were subjects covered at a week long Israel Bond Leadership conference.

Of most direct interest to the participants, was the economy. Finance Minister Moshe Nissim described it to the delegates as emerging from "deep crisis, characterized by soaring inflation, with Israel unable to adjust monetary and employment levels to changing times." But the far-reaching economic program introduced July 1, 1985, has done much to stabilize prices and improve Israel's balance of payments, Nissim said.

"The recovery of the Israeli economy is a long process. It is being achieved with the help of the Israeli people and the support of Jewish communities abroad. Israel Bonds wonderful $603 million achievement of 1986 made an important contribution to our economy," the finance minister said.

So far this year, the 1987 Israel Bond campaign passed the $150 million cash figure, an increase of $33 million in bond sales over the same period last year.

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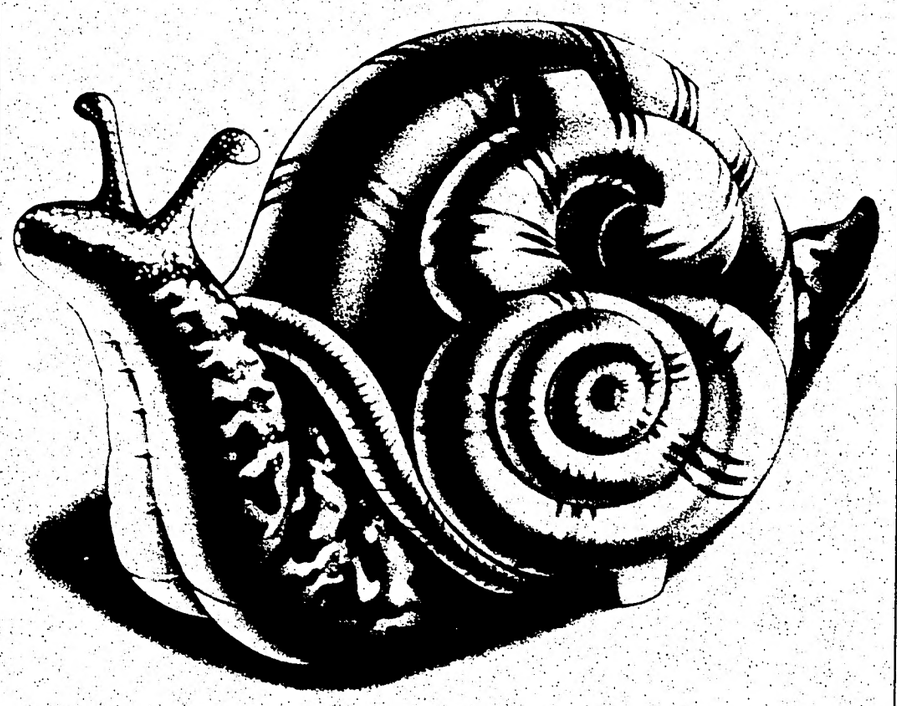

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Living Halacha

By
RABBI MOSES J. BURAK

QUESTION: Is it enough to remember one's dear departed parents just at Yiskor services?

Parents should be remembered every day, otherwise they will be forgotten when Yiskor day arrives.

When my father z.l. passed away, I found myself saying the old familiar words in the grace after meals, the benshen. My lips would automatically murmur: "May the All Merciful bless my father and mother." One who has been accustomed since early childhood to say this benediction after every meal, finds it very difficult to stop saying the beracha when father is gone.

Rabbi Burak

Occasionally, I had a sense of guilt when I said this prayer. But, my lips seemed to have a will of their own. I continued the practice, mainly because I could not discontinue it.

Then came some reasoning based on the prayers that we say on most of the Sabbaths of the year, the lines that bespeak our eternal hope: "The lovely and the pleasant in their lives, even in their death they were not divided." Our siddur took these words from Second Samuel, Chapter 1, verse 23.

This year, during a recent visit in Israel, I studied in the library of the late gaon and tzaddik, Rabbi Moshe Yechiel Halevy Epstein, z.t.l., Rebbe of Ozerov. There, I found a slender volume, Sefer Piskei ha-Siddur, by the great sage, Rabbi Abraham Noe, printed in Palestine in 1903.

The sefer is a volume of learned glosses on the siddur of the Rav. There I found a source that set my mind at rest, as soon as I turned to the first page. The author tells us that "the Tzemach Tzedek, n.e., used to say 'May the All Merciful bless my father and mother' even after they had departed from this world."

That is quite a precedent, and is more than sufficient to clear up the question. Further evidence is presented that indicates that his descendants followed this tradition. So, if you wanted to, you could say the prayer after every meal, and feel quite secure that you are not in error when you ask Hashem to bless your parents, even though they are no longer with you.

Naturally, since the Tzemach Tzedek was a master of both the halacha and the kabalah, there is a statement of the kabalistic significance of saying this prayer. The Rebbe made clear that each harachaman in the benshen refers to one of the sephiros.

One stands for malchus, while another stands for tifereth. Father and mother represent chochmah and binah; wisdom and understanding. Thus do these prayers reach to the highest spheres. Again, one of his grandsons had a slightly different interpretation, but the principle of saying this prayer is upheld.

For those for whom this is too airy, here is another way in which our parents are remembered. Our names, in Judaism, are a combination of the name given us at birth, plus the father's name. If your name is Yitzhak, and your father's name is Avraham, you are called to the Torah as Yitzhak ben Avraham, Isaac the son of Abraham.

When illness strikes and a prayer is said over the Torah asking for a complete recovery, the name of the person who is ill is given, and the name of his mother. This is done even when the mother is long departed from the world.

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Anti-semitism thinly disguised

BB issues warning on LaRouche

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

Followers of a U.S.-based organization, led by "right-wing extremist" Lyndon LaRouche, are making political inroads in Canada and have run as candidates in five provinces, at the federal, provincial and municipal levels, B'nai B'rith Canada says.

BBC has released a 60-page document entitled The Lyndon LaRouche Network: The Canadian Connection as a "warning" on the extent to which LaRouche followers have organized themselves under different guises in Canada, said Frank Chalk, chairman of BBC's social action committee.

BBC accuses LaRouche and his followers of being racist and anti-Zionist, and their anti-semitism (denied by LaRouche) only thinly disguised.

The document, written by Montreal freelance journalist Daniel Kucharsky, contains numerous quotes by LaRouche or from his publications indicating beliefs in a range of bizarre supremacist and international conspiracy theories, involving B'nai B'rith and prominent Jewish families, among many others.

The LaRouche network was generally regarded as a "fringe" element in American politics. (LaRouche ran twice for president as an independent candidate.) That has changed, according to BBC, with the surprise victories last year by two LaRouche followers in the Illinois Democratic primary.

"Certainly, Canada has not been affected by the LaRouche organization as much as the U.S. But given the fact LaRouche followers are organized in Canada and have experience in the country's political forums, Canadians should not be smug and believe that support for LaRouche cannot grow here," states the BBC document.

Ignorance and indifference to what LaRouche followers really stand for are the prime reasons they were able to get on the slate in Illinois, BBC believes. (Mark Fairchild and Janice Hart won the Democratic nominations for the state's lieutenant- governor and secretary of state on a strong anti-drugs, crime, unemployment and AIDS platform.)

The report is basically background information on LaRouche, a wealthy 65-year-old descendant of French Canadian immigrants, and the development of his network in the U.S. and Canada. The Canadian connection began in Montreal in the 1970s when LaRouche followers organized themselves into the North American Labor Party, which later expanded into Ontario and British Columbia, where it fielded candidates.

In 1982, LaRouche followers organized themselves as Le Comite pour la Republique du Canada, with headquarters in Montreal. That year, its leader Gilles Gervais ran for mayor of Montreal as an independent, garnering 1,397 votes on a campaign which stressed making Canada into a republic and Montreal a centre for nuclear research.

The following year, the Party for the Commonwealth of Canada was formed with Gervais as general secretary. The party's draft constitution was written by LaRouche — among the strongest evidence that there is a direct link between the organization in the U.S. and that in Canada, according to Chalk, a Concordia University history professor.

In 1984, the party ran 65 candidates, 47 in Quebec, 16 in Ontario and one each in Saskatchewan and British Columbia. The candidates received an average popular vote of 1%.

In the 1985 Quebec provincial election, the party ran 26 candidates. Last October, a mayoralty candidate in Calgary, Bill Bohdan, ran under the banner of the LaRouche-founded Schiller Institute. The BBC document notes that Bohdan told reporters that the group is anti-Zionist, but not necessarily anti-Jewish.

The four main planks in this platform, he listed as: the death penalty "for all bankers involved in laundering the proceeds of illegal drugs," a "war on AIDS," an end to the atomic threat and Soviet world domination and a reversal of the International Monetary Fund's policies.

LaRouche supporters frequently set up booths on streets or in subway stations in Montreal, sometimes selling the newspaper New Solidarity or the periodical Executive Intelligence Review, published by the organization in the U.S. Interested passers by are often urged to attend the organization's meetings or give their names and addresses.

The BBC document devotes a chapter to allegations of fraud and non-repayment of loans against the LaRouche organization in the U.S. and Canada. At least two Canadians, both subscribers to LaRouche publications, have alleged that they never got back money they loaned the organization.

The organization also sells its literature and posts its banners at tables in major Canadian airports, such as Dorval International in Montreal and Pearson International in Toronto. Transport Canada is appealing a February, 1986 Federal Court of Canada decision permitting the organization to keep its booths in federal airports.

The Schiller Institute is another LaRouche "front" which has operated on university campuses and at the YMCA in Montreal, bringing in speakers from the U.S.

LaRouche and his adherents have had a running battle with B'nai B'rith and the Anti-Defamation League in the U.S. (Since 1980, LaRouche has sued the ADL unsuccessfully four times.) In April, 1985, Gilles Gervais dumped three pounds of raw liver in the Montreal office of BBC, after BBC told the press the organization was anti-semitic.

The day after the release of the document a small group staged a demonstration outside the BBC Montreal office, handing out a flyer headed Hitler, Dulles and the B'nai B'rith.

JDL starts lobbying fund to counter Ukrainians'

By
SAM MAINSTER

TORONTO —

The Jewish Defence League has started a fund to counter Ukrainian community lobbying concerning the issue of Nazi war criminals in Canada.

Meir Halevi, national director of the JDL, stated that Ukrainian lobbying of the government and members of Parliament has led to an entirely watered-down Deschenes Commission report.

"It's not a conclusive report," said Halevi. "I'm not willing to accept that there are only 20 war criminals in Canada."

Halevi added that he had personally given testimony on 17 war criminal cases to the commission and knew of other cases.

The Ukrainian lobby is "making it appear as a witchhunt and that we want to lunge out in revenge for war atrocities," said Halevi.

One effect of the lobby, stated Halevi, was that Deschenes Commission members did not go to Eastern Europe to obtain evidence on suspects.

Another example of the lobby's effect, stated Halevi, was that the report recommended that no U.S.-style Office of Special Investigation be created due to tensions between the Ukrainian and Jewish communities.

However, he added, the report itself stated that such an office would be the best way to handle an investigation of war criminals.

Halevi said that the JDL will use its fund to mount a campaign similar to that carried out by the World Jewish Congress on Kurt Waldheim.

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No pact — but Soviet openness during meet gives Peres hope

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Foreign Minister Shimon Peres returned from Europe last week saying his meeting with two senior Soviet officials in Rome encouraged his hope that Israel could negotiate peace with the Arabs without superpower intervention.

The meeting, which had been unscheduled, followed Peres' 2-day official visit to Spain. His stopover in Rome was to attend the Socialist International conference.

Peres told reporters at Ben-Gurion Airport that his 90-minute private discussion with Karel Bruten and Alexander Zutov of the Soviet Communist Party Central Committee's international affairs department, was conducted in a serious and balanced atmosphere. He said he found "openness" on some of the matters on the agenda but no agreements were reached.

"I can tell you that I return encouraged by the chances of reaching direct negotiations without international powers, including the Soviet Union, trying to impose solutions on us," Peres said.

"As for the Jewish question, it should be noted that there have been several important changes," he told reporters. He said they were "not all we would like to see . . . the number of immigrants — or more accurately of those leaving — has increased. Six of the eight Prisoners of Zion have been released. And a low-level Soviet delegation will probably arrive (in Israel) to discuss limited issues.

"I don't think that is the end, I think it is a beginning," he said, "and I think we can work toward expanding the opening which has been made, and also to ensure that those leaving (the USSR) will probably come direct to Israel."

Peres summed up his conversations with the Soviet diplomats as "the first serious direct dialogue between us and Soviet representatives. I am not ready to go into further details."

Peres dismissed the storm of protest raised in Likud circles by his advocacy of an international conference for Middle East peace. He stated before leaving for Madrid that one of his objectives was to solicit Spanish support for such a forum. Premier Yitzhak Shamir stated publicly that he hoped the foreign minister "would not succeed."

"Israel's foreign policy is not an article here or there, or a blessing or the opposite of a blessing," Peres said, "but a continuation of the peace process and the process of opening up the gates of emigration" from the Soviet Union.

Peres said he would be reporting to Shamir on his trip and would take up their differences when they meet.

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Demjanjuk trial will go on road

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — The prosecution and the defence teams in the Demjanjuk trial are preparing to embark on a 5-nation tour to take evidence from witnesses who are unable to travel to Jerusalem.

They are expected to leave Israel early next month, but a source in the justice ministry said last week that it was still not certain that arrangements would be completed by then.

The prosecution will be calling three witnesses in Germany and one in Belgium, while the defence will be calling three witnesses in Poland, one in Spain and one in Australia.

The three Israeli judges will not be present at the hearing, but will be given transcripts of the testimony and the cross-examination when the prosecution and the defence teams return to Jerusalem.

The testimony will be given in the local courts of each country involved, with local rules of evidence applying and local judges presiding.

The Supreme Court recently rejected an appeal by the defence in the Demjanjuk trial to disqualify the Jerusalem District Court judges hearing the case because of alleged bias.

Defence lawyer Yoram Sheftel, in a surprise motion, accused the bench of harboring "deep-seated hostility" towards the defence and thus being incapable of rendering justice.

The three district court judges retired to their chambers for two hours to discuss the charges and then rejected them. They also rejected the defence request to halt the trial while the defence appealed the court's decision to the Supreme Court.

Supreme Court President Meir Shamgar, in a 16-page statement, ruled that the defence claim was unwarranted and that there was no evidence of bias.

Swaggert slams "Jew" Jesus

NEW YORK — TV evangelist Jimmy Swaggert has had some peculiar advice for his co-religionists concerning their relationship with Christ, according to a recent edition of Time Magazine.

"Don't *ever* bargain with Jesus," Swaggert once advised an audience. "He's a Jew."

The Time story said that the controversial Pentecostal pastor has condemned the U.S. Supreme Court and Congress as "institutions damned by God" and Roman Catholicism as a "false cult."

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2. Name the memorial prayer recited for departed close relatives four times a year.
3. Which Canadian was named military governor of Jerusalem during the War of Independence and served in seven different cabinet posts in the Israeli government.

Edmond Lipsitz

ANSWERS:

1. Mimuna.
2. Yizkor or Hazkarot Neshamot.
3. Dov (Barney) Joseph who left Montreal in 1921 to settle in Eratz Israel.

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These questions and answers came from the book *6400 Questions About Judaism and the Jewish People* by Edmond Y. Lipsitz, published by JESL Educational Products, Downsview, Ont. Dr. Lipsitz would be pleased to receive your comments, or to consider your own Jewish quiz questions for inclusion in future columns. Write to him, c/o Canadian Jewish News.

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Ambassador Gur-Arieh pledges to strengthen Canada-Israel friendship

By
JANICE ARNOLD

OTTAWA —
New Israeli ambassador Israel Gur-Arieh has pledged to do his utmost to enhance the traditional friendship between his country and Canada during his tour of duty here.

In presenting his credentials to Governor-General Jeanne Sauve at Rideau Hall, Gur-Arieh said, "Friendship between countries is similar to that between people. It needs continuous care, nurturing and devotion."

Canada and Israel, he said, are "bastions of democracy, countries dedicated to the safeguarding of human rights and to our traditional common ethical values of freedom and justice.

"Israel has always valued the understanding and goodwill she has found in Canada."

By strengthening its bilateral relations with Israel and other countries in the region, Canada would "undoubtedly facilitate further contributions to the peace process," he stated.

In her response, Sauve stressed "the primordial concern of successive Canadian governments for the security and well being of the State of Israel...Canada has not and will not waver in this purpose, which expresses a real sense of solidarity of Canadians with a democracy we genuinely and deeply admire."

She added that Israel is a "great friend" and Canada will continue to devote the "utmost care" to the strengthening of its ties with Israel.

Sauve mentioned the anticipated implementation of an understanding between Canada and Israel to cooperate in development projects in the Third World as an example of the good the countries can do together.

"We will thereby demonstrate that a bilateral relationship as strong as ours is also open to broader concerns and sensitive to the plight of underdevelopment which continues to afflict a large proportion of mankind."

Canada will also continue to contribute to the Middle East peace process, Sauve said, through its participation in the peacekeeping forces in the Sinai. Canada wishes to be "an attentive and reliable partner" in the search for a negotiated solution to the Mideast conflict.

"We sincerely wish that meaningful negotiations will begin before long between interested parties in this conflict and we follow with interest the current discussions on the subject of the convocation of an international peace conference," she said.

Following the ceremony, Gur-Arieh and his wife Shulamit, wearing a mauve floral print dress, hosted a reception at their official residence, an elegant white house overlooking Hemlock Lake in Ottawa's fashionable Rockcliffe Park.

One of the first redecorating jobs Mrs. Gur-Arieh undertook was the hanging of several of her husband's paintings throughout the house. His works, largely impressions of Jerusalem, are among a sizeable collection of Israeli art the couple owns.

Also on view are souvenirs of their posting in Mexico, where he was ambassador. Mexican president Jose Lopez Portillo gave Gur-Arieh a striking glass objet d'art depicting wild horses. A silver plate engraved with the signatures of his colleagues in the diplomatic corps in Mexico City is displayed proudly as well.

The reception was well attended by representatives of both the Ottawa Jewish community and national Jewish organizations, parliamentarians and civil servants. The event was not an occasion for the introduction of the ambassador to the diplomatic corps, but Apostolic Pro-Nuncio Angelo Palmas, the representative of the Vatican, dropped by. The Pro-Nuncio is regarded as "the dean of the diplomatic corps."

Political figures presented included: Ottawa Tory David Daubney, chairman of the Canada-Israel Parliamentary Friendship Group; Liberals Sheila Finestone, David Berger, Roland de Corneille and Herb Gray, and Senators Sid Buckwold, Nathan Nurgitz and Leo Kolber. From the ranks of the civil service came Sharon Wolfe and Charles McMillan of the Prime Minister's Office; Ken Norton, assistant to External Affairs Minister Joe Clark; and Marc Brault, assistant deputy minister of external affairs.

Former Bank of Canada Governor Louis Rasminsky and Maxwell Cohen, former Canadian chairman of the International Joint Commission, were sampling the lox hors d'oeuvres.

Among the Jewish community leaders greeting the ambassador were Dorothy Reitman, president of Canadian Jewish Congress; David Azrieli, president of the Canadian Zionist Federation; Frank Dimant, executive vice-president of B'nai B'rith Canada; Michael Goldstein, executive director of the Jewish National Fund of Canada; Gerald Berger, president of the Ottawa Jewish Community Council; and Shira Herzog Bessin, executive director of the Canada-Israel Committee.

One person who viewed the day with mixed emotions was Gideon Meir who for the couple of weeks between the departure of former ambassador Eliyahu Ben-Horin and the accreditation of Gur-Arieh served as Israel's charge d'affaires. Meir has now returned to his former position of first counselor at the embassy.

• Photos by Howard Kay

Ambassador Israel Gur-Arieh makes a point to MP David Daubney (left), chairman of the Canada-Israel Parliamentary Friendship Group, and Gerald Berger, president of the Ottawa Jewish Community Council.

Dorothy Reitman and David Azrieli, presidents of Canadian Jewish Congress and Canadian Zionist Federation, respectively, chat with ambassador.

Toronto member of Parliament Roland de Corneille greets Ambassador and Mrs. Gur-Arieh.

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DIARY ...of a People

By DAVID BIRKAN

Rav Hai Ben Sherira died Nisan 2 (April 19 this year), 1038. The last and most prominent of *geonim* (academy heads) at Pumbedita presided over the eclipse of Babylonian Jewry by communities in the west.

Over 30,000 Jews from northern Israel were exiled by Assyria when their capital Samaria was conquered by Sargon II around 700 BCE. Many thousands more, including the Judean religious and ruling aristocracy, were taken to Babylon after Nebuchadnezzar overran Jerusalem and destroyed the Temple in 586 BCE. A fraction of the latter group returned to the Holy Land under Cyrus' edict of restoration. The bulk took firm root across the vastness of the Babylonian empire, centred around dual dynasties of political and religious leaders.

Beginning with exiled Judean king Jehoiakim, the *exilarch* or *resh galuta* — the hereditary representative of the Davidic blood line — was recognized by the Babylonian and then Persian court as the Jews' official leader. He held an honored place in the king's council, lived in royal state, and acted as chief tax collector over the relatively autonomous community. From 40-20 BCE, a small Jewish state struggled for existence in the upper Euphrates, under the brothers Anilai and Asinai. Babylonia's Jews led a protracted revolt in Parthia against Roman occupation, 113-116 CE.

Daniel, Ezekiel, Mordechai and a host of lesser known spiritual activists helped maintain the Jews' identity from the beginning. The substitution of Temple sacrifices by prayer and study, stimulated by steady contact with Jerusalem, led to education innovations. The synagogue, the Mishna and its *amoraim* (expositors), halachic academies, and the Talmud were eagerly imported and expanded on by Babylonia's Jews. As the Holy Land's sages succumbed to prolonged Roman brutality, their heritage was blossoming in the Fertile Crescent.

By the 6th century, two yeshivot attained undisputed prominence, one in Sura and the other in Pumbedita. Their heads, appointed by the exilarch, carried the title gaon, an abbreviation of *rosh yeshivat ga'on* (pride of) *Yaakov*. The yeshivot served as cultural centre for Jewish communities from India to Britain. They: promulgated calendar regulations; established halachic norms from the vast body of often contradictory and equivocal talmudic discussions; acted as supreme arbiters for the Diaspora, answering all questions sent in to them; issued *takkanot* (halachic ordinances) on their own authority; and provided courses and retreats for thousands every year. Together — sometimes in conflict — with the exilarch, the geonim exerted their influence on behalf of Baghdad Jewry at the court of the caliphs. Local taxes and donations from abroad supported their commensurately large administrations.

Provided geonim

Seven families provided the geonim for some 600 years. Ben Sherira was the scion of a long line of academy heads, assistant heads and other officials at Pumbedita from a family tracing its roots to King David. In his 40 years as gaon, Ben Sherira disseminated voluminous responsa, particularly influential on new religious authorities dawning in Spain and France. His represent about a third of all responsa extant from the entire geonic period.

He was firm in condemning as destructive superstition the increasingly popular use of charms and amulets. At the same time, he believed "that God performs signs and wonders through the righteous, even as He did through the Prophets," and promoted the judicious study of traditional mystical texts for spiritual enlightenment.

Ben Sherira also wrote *piyuttim* (religious poetry) and mystical verse. The latter were infused with yearning for an enduring centre in the Holy Land, one immune to the Diaspora cycle of communities rising and falling with the years. Here was reflected his concern with Babylon's eclipse, evident even as the community's light shone brightly. The Jewish stage, with its attendant power, struggle, and suffering, was moving west to Spain, France, Italy, and Germany. Babylon's longlived institutions were entering oblivion right before Ben Sherira's eyes.

He died at 99, having passed much of the Babylonian legacy on for its next stage of development.

Needed to prevent cheating, lying

RA: teach ethics and morality

ATLANTA — Sharply condemning cheating and lying that has reached into the White House and business, Rabbi Kassel Abelson, president of The Rabbinical Assembly, has urged religious groups to help reverse this condition by placing greater emphasis on the teaching of ethics and morality.

"Deception, duplicity, and lying, in all walks of life are far more widespread than a generation ago," the Minneapolis rabbi told his colleagues recently at their 87th annual Convention here.

"The prevalent attitude seems to be, it's okay if you can get away with it," he said.

The Rabbinical Assembly represents 1,200 Conservative rabbis internationally serving 1.5 million members.

Abelson bemoaned the fact that these unethical practices also "involve Jews who are identified with Jewish life," citing the Wall Street "insider" scandal as one example.

"The decline in public and private morality in the general and in the Jewish community are of deep concern to everyone and especially to religious leaders and to religious institutions," the rabbi said, adding, "We cannot avoid a measure of blame and responsibility for the disdain for moral standards so rampant in society."

He announced that this fall, the three rabbinic associations of Conservative, Orthodox and Reform Judaism will be holding an Academic Conference on Ethics in the Jewish Community.

This gathering, Abelson said, will draw upon the best scholars of the three branches of Judaism and cover such topics as: The Legal and Ethical Dilemma; What are the tensions? and The Ethical Condition of the Jewish People, and the Rabbinic Responsibility in Ethical Issues.

He called upon the Jewish Theological Seminary of America to include a special course on ethics as part of its rabbinic curriculum. Such a course, Abelson stated, should cover the traditional texts and the contemporary writings of both Jews and non-Jews.

"We must lead the way in turning around the goals of individuals and their practices. We need to create a climate where the bottom line is not the major factor in decision-making, but where ethical considerations will play a decisive role," he said.

Evelyn Auerbach, president of the Women's League for Conservative Judaism, told the rabbis to stop "acting like sleeping giants" by following other branches of Judaism in taking positions on major social and political issues and start assuming a more aggressive leadership role as the largest branch of Judaism in North America.

"Our Conservative movement has much to offer Jews and non-Jews alike — let's stop being a reactive movement and become active on the social issues of today," Auerbach said.

She named AIDS, single parent families, child care, medical ethics, domestic violence, the elderly and indigent, the homeless, terrorism and anti-semitism as some issues that must be addressed.

Israel wants to examine more war crime files

NEW YORK (JTA) — Binyamin Netanyahu, Israel's ambassador to the United Nations, revealed recently that Israel will soon ask UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar to be given permission to inspect hundreds more files at the UN archive on war criminals.

In an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency shortly before he departed for consultations in Israel, Netanyahu said Israel will request an access to 500 more files in addition to the 2,500 files it already examined. The UN archive on accused war criminals contains 40,000 files.

Last month, the secretary-general rejected Israel's demand that the archive be open to the public, contending that the nations which were members of the long-defunct War Crimes Commission has objected to it.

"Public access to the files is needed for two reasons: justice and history," the Israeli envoy declared. He said that new information in the files could help bring to justice Nazi war criminals who are still alive. In addition, he contended, free access to the files by scholars and researchers will help establish a more accurate record of that historical period.

Bond sales not affected by Pollard spy case

JERUSALEM (JTA) — **Israel Bond Organization national officers, meeting here at the concluding session of their week-long 1987 leadership conference in Israel, reported that the Jonathan Pollard spy case has not affected Bond sales in either the Jewish or non-Jewish communities in the United States.**

There had been some media reports that the Bond organization has taken a low profile in the U.S. since the exposure of the Pollard case. On the contrary, said Yehuda Halevy, president of the Bond Organization.

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Kollek Concerned about Jewish Unity and Renewal

Teddy Kollek, who recently marked the completion of his twentieth year as Mayor of Jerusalem, is concerned with issues arising in Jerusalem and affecting all of world Jewry: how to meet the challenges to Jewish unity and political renewal posed by factionalism and extremism.

Kollek has gained the trust and respect of local and world leaders for his policies, tact and success in making Jerusalem a better, a more beautiful and a more peaceful place to live. However, after the recent and intense conflicts in the city, he sees the need to reach out for other resources.

Kollek sees the Shalom Hartman Institute for Advanced Judaic Studies as a rich resource in defining, addressing and beginning to solve these problems.

Jerusalem's Role

Kollek sees Jerusalem facing issues of pluralism and particularity. First, there are the needs to preserve and foster tolerance among the various faith (and non-faith) communities, freedom of worship and of access to holy places, and the need to encourage Israel to become a democratic, pluralistic society. Second, there is the challenge of preserving Jerusalem's role as the focus of world Jewry.

Address Problems

Kollek is excited by the innovative work the Hartman Institute is doing in leadership and outreach programs based on traditional texts, with Israeli and Diaspora communities. The aim of these programs is to search the tradition for help in addressing contemporary problems.

Mayor Kollek and Dr. David Hartman, the Founder-Director of the Institute, will be discussing these issues and their relevance for Diaspora Jewry at a dinner meeting Thursday, May 7 in Toronto.

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Editorial

LaRouche case

Kudos to Canadian B'nai B'rith for alerting Canadians to the menace of the Lyndon LaRouche surrogates now operating in Canada.

A study released by the social action committee of the BB indicates that the Party for the Commonwealth of Canada and the Schiller Institute are the two LaRouche groups here.

The latter have run candidates in the last federal election and at provincial, municipal and school board levels of government in five provinces.

Canadian LaRouchites favor compulsory testing for AIDS, advocate the colonization of Mars and charge that the Queen sells drugs.

While the media tend to concentrate on these quirky doctrines, they tend to ignore the underlying racist ideology which animates the LaRouche movement. That ideology promotes the view that North American Indians are not quite human and that the Holocaust was a "delusion."

In their PR stance the LaRouche followers take extreme right wing political positions, thereby obscuring the other, maniacal portions of their platform.

Because of their massive funding from the United States and their willingness to attempt to penetrate mainstream Canadian political institutions the Canadian LaRouchites cannot be dismissed as merely another crackpot party.

In fact, the LaRouche movement is undoubtedly more dangerous than neo-fascist groups such as the Aryan Nations. The latter Alberta-based group has not attracted any following to speak of.

Alerting the Canadian public to the menace which the LaRouchites represent is an important public service. Canadians do not need a political organization which fosters hatred among men.

China opening

According to informed opinion the three oldest civilizations in the world are the Hindu, the Chinese and the Jewish.

Over the millennia Jews have fared well in the Indian sub-continent and in China. Neither civilization ever developed the kind of anti-semitism which flourished in Europe.

China was especially accommodating in the past to Jewish settlers who made their way along the silk routes in the medieval period.

One Jewish collective, the famous Kai feng community, lived in Hunan province free of any kind of harassment well until the 20th century until assimilation took its toll.

During World War II the Chinese afforded Jewish refugees from Nazi Europe a safe asylum in the city of Shanghai.

Because of this past record of good relations between Chinese and Jews it has always been unfortunate that China's Communist regime has consistently turned a cold shoulder to the State of Israel.

That is why a recent news item from the United Nations (CJN April 2) is so significant. According to the story, delegates from Israel and China have met there officially for the first time to discuss matters of mutual interest. This is not, apparently, the first meeting; there have been several unpublicized ones in the recent past. The encounter under UN auspices represents an important upgrading of contacts.

Israel, of course, is interested in establishing diplomatic relations with the most populous nation on earth. While the results of the meetings are not promising — China insists on PLO participation in an international peace conference on the Middle East — the fact that the meeting has taken place at all is a welcomed thawing in Chinese-Israel relations.

Israel is to be commended for its initiative in approaching China with regard to the renewal of diplomatic ties.

It's time for two great and ancient civilizations to establish formal links.

Election marks crossroads

What is in S. Africa's future?

THE JEWISH WORLD

These are tense days for the 4.5 million whites of South Africa, caught in the grip of mounting racial violence.

On May 6, white South Africans will cast their ballots in a general election whose outcome may well determine the course South Africa will follow in the next few crucial years.

The government will not likely be defeated. But South Africans may signal their dissatisfaction with its policies by voting for parties to the right or left of the ruling National Party, led by Prime Minister P.W. Botha.

This year's election is important because South Africa is at a crossroads in its history. Will it try to maintain apartheid at any cost? Is is genuinely prepared to dismantle apartheid on a gradual basis?

These are the questions many South Africans have asked themselves for the past few months.

South Africa's Jewish community, the largest on the African continent, is watching the situation closely. The average Jew feels ill at ease with apartheid and favors controlled change. What Jew, after all, can support what is in effect a system of institutional racism? But Jews, having enjoyed the bountiful economic benefits of apartheid, are clearly apprehensive about the idea of Black majority rule. Rightly or wrongly, they fear that it will drastically reduce their standard of living and usher in a period of political instability.

Traditionally, Jews have cast their ballots for moderate parties. In the last election, most Jews voted for the liberal Progressive Federal Party, which won 27 seats. Indeed, all four Jewish MPs presently in parliament are members of the PFP. Relatively few Jews voted for the Afrikaner-dominated Nationalists, which holds 127 seats.

The Jewish voting pattern probably will not be changed significantly by the May election, but more Jews may vote for the Nationalists, which have been in power since 1948. Despite their general distaste for apartheid, Jews do not want to rock the boat, which of late has sprung leaks. Blacks have risen up in revolt against the system and the cozy life that whites have always taken for granted is no longer as assured as it was just several years ago. In the parlance of the South African government, the nation is being subjected to a "revolutionary onslaught."

From a strictly Jewish point of view, the worst possible result of the forthcoming election would be if the forces to the right of the National Party — the Conservative Party (CP) and the Herstigte Nasionale Party (HNP) — improved their standing. At present, the CP holds 18 seats. The HNP has one. If they unite, they may win up to 30 or 40 seats, believes veteran poll watcher Willem Kleynhans.

The CP and the HNP vehemently oppose the government's cautious program of "reforming" apartheid. They have nothing but scorn for the subtle distinctions P.W. Botha makes between "grand apartheid" and "petty apartheid," and if they have their way South Africa will tighten the screws on the majority non-white population. If this were to happen, the turmoil South Africa has already undergone would no doubt boil over.

Formed in 1982 by a former cabinet minister, A.P. Treurnicht, the CP hews to a platform that is described as "Christian national." The party has adopted no anti-semitic policies, but its deputy leader, Ferdie Hartzenberg, caused shock waves among Jews by saying that if his party came to power only Christianity would be promoted.

Eugene Terre Blanche

Anti-semitism is not on HNP's official platform either, but its leader, Jaap Marais, publishes a newspaper, the Afrikaner, that has frequently carried articles denying the truth of the Holocaust and portraying the Jews in less than a positive light, according to Research Report, published by the Institute of Jewish Affairs in London.

Research Report says that the CP and the HNP, which are spiritually alike, have "close links" to the Afrikaner Weerstandbeweging (AWB), a Nazi-like movement led by Eugene Terre Blanche, a fiery Afrikaner who once served as a bodyguard to Prime Minister John Vorster.

At a rally in Pretoria three years ago, Terre Blanche appeared on a platform with Treurnicht and Marais, confronting South African Jewry with the bleak prospect that all three might combine forces at some future date. Until now, however, all attempts at unity by two of them, CP and HNP, have failed.

Terre Blanche has gone on record as saying that Jews and Indians, not to mention Blacks and Coloreds, would be excluded from a South African government. As he put it: "If you do not believe in Christ you are an anti-Christ. There will be no place for Jews in an AWB government."

It is highly improbable that the AWB, which has no seats in parliament, will ever form a government. But the AWB, to the distress of South African democrats, is a growing force in South African politics. Alister Sparks, the well-known South African journalist, says that its sudden growth has been phenomenal and that Terre Blanche is "the most potent demagogue South Africa has seen."

Terre Blanche, whose admiration for Hitler has been documented, formed AWB 13 years ago. But only recently has it caught fire. Estimates of its membership vary from 50,000 to about 100,000.

Appealing mainly to working-class Afrikaners, AWB members wear Nazi-style uniforms emblazoned with a three-legged swastika emblem. Like the German Nazis, they are big on banners, flags, salutes and love of pageantry.

Terre Blanche, a former policeman, was convicted in 1979 of tarring and feathering a university professor who had ridiculed the religious dimension of Afrikaner nationalism.

Two of his closest supporters were sentenced to 15 years in prison for plotting to blow up multiracial hotels in South Africa, to plant bombs in parliament, to assassinate Black politicians and clergymen and to release syphylis-infected mice at Sun City, the resort in the Black homeland-cum bantustan of Bophuthatswana where Blacks and whites mingle freely.

All these developments, plus the upsurge of terrorism throughout the country since 1984, have alarmed South African Jewry. And consequently, more and more Jews have begun to give serious consideration to emigrating.

M.W. Friedman, chairman of the South African Zionist Federation, was recently quoted as saying that Jews should think of immigrating to Israel. He warned delegates at a SAZF conference of "a dark night for Jews, with danger emanating from the extreme right and extreme left."

Friedman may well be exaggerating the threat, but there is no doubt that emigration is on the rise, and not only among Jews. In the last two decades, thousands of Jews, wary of apartheid, have left the country, seeking a better future for themselves and their children.

The majority, rather than having gone to Israel, have chosen to settle in countries like Canada, the U.S. and Australia.

More will certainly leave if South Africa turns further to the right after the May 6 election.

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Opinion

Concerned about Demjanjuk fallout

Ukrainian group fights "anti-semitism in reverse"

By
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JERUSALEM —

"We want to prevent the Demjanjuk trial from being used to fan the flame of anti-Ukrainianism — a sort of anti-semitism in reverse."

This sentiment was voiced recently by a group of Canadian-Ukrainian lawyers and academics who visited Jerusalem to observe the trial of alleged Treblinka concentration camp guard John Demjanjuk and report back to their communities.

The leader of the group, Dr. Yury Boshyk of Toronto, had visited Israel just before the trial opened. Returning when the trial was under way, he says Canadians of Ukrainian origin feel their nation as a whole is being maligned because media reports tend to stress the Ukrainian aspect of the case.

For this reason, Boshyk. a historian, felt it was important to bring the group to Israel so that members could observe the trial, albeit briefly, and assess the atmosphere in the country.

Members of the group include Prof. Danylo Husar Struk, who teaches in the Slavic department of the University of Toronto, Bohdan (Bob) Onyschuk, a senior member of a large Toronto law firm, and Andrew Ogaranko, a Winnipeg lawyer.

The only Jewish member of the group is Alexander Epstein, a Toronto lawyer, who has long worked together with leaders of the Ukrainian community in Canada.

The group embarked on its mission against the backdrop of tensions between Canada's Ukrainian and Jewish communities which developed last year during the Deschenes Commission of Inquiry into war criminals living in Canada.

In September, 10 Winnipeg lawyers, concerned about deteriorating relations between the Jewish and Ukrainian communities in Manitoba, formed a group to bridge this gap. Four of the members were Ukrainian, four were Jewish and two belonged to neither group.

"We don't want to see the animosity spread to the younger generation," a spokesman says. "We want to defuse growing racism, intolerance and finger-pointing."

Hot-heads belonging to both groups made irresponsible statements, says one of the visitors, such as when an official of one Nazi-hunting organization spoke of "thousands" of Ukrainian war criminals, instead of "some."

There are about 750,000 citizens of Ukrainian origin among Canada's population of 25 million. Most of them immigrated in the period between 1892 and 1923, and again after World War II.

Coming from a largely rural background, they helped to develop Canada's Western provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Boshyk says that the Ukrainians, like Jewish immigrants and those from Asian countries, placed great emphasis on giving their children a higher education. Thus their descendants today include Canada's justice minister Ray Hnatyshyn, provincial cabinet ministers, judges, lawyers and academics.

In the Western provinces there are government-supported schools in which half the instruction is given in Ukrainian. "The earliest contacts 'out west' often were with Jewish merchants because of existing cultural bonds," says Boshyk.

The Ukrainian diaspora includes about one million living in the United States, with other large groups in Argentina and Brazil.

Ukraine is the second-largest of the 15 national republics making up the Soviet Union. With a population today of about 50 million, Ukraine is about the size of France and more populous than Poland. Of the approximately 3 million Jews in Russia today, 750,000 live in the Ukraine.

Because of the continuing, strong Ukrainian nationalism, the large majority of political prisoners in Soviet camps are Ukrainians.

"Jewish activists now in Israel, such as Natan Scharansky and Yosef Mendelevich, said they had many friends among their Ukrainian fellow-sufferers," Boshyk says.

Canadian Ukrainians are acutely aware of what has been termed the "forgotten holocaust." This is the man-made famine of 1932-1933, when Stalin dumped grain requisitioned from the Ukraine on Western markets to earn foreign currency for his industrialization program.

Between 7 and 10 million people died of starvation during this period, as Stalin enforced farm collectivization in the Ukraine and tried to crush the region's national spirit.

One of the visitors, Bohdan Onyschuk, was instrumental in making a 55-minute documentary of that national calamity, which makes graphic the extent to which the memory of that disaster is still alive in the consciousness of Ukrainians. Onyschuk handed a copy of the film, *Harvest of Despair,* to the Jerusalem Cinematheque.

Under the German occupation in World War II the Ukraine again lost about 7 million people.

Boshyk says his mother lived through the 1932-33 famine and has memories of collecting grass and weeds for food and searching for rotting potatoes. She even recalls reports of cannibalism among the desperate farm population. She lost her mother and a younger sister in that man-made disaster.

In recent years Boshyk has encouraged his mother to write her memoirs in Ukrainian. "She cries every time she talks about the period, just as Jewish Holocaust survivors do," he says.

Defence lawyer Mark O'Connor (foreground) addresses 3-man panel of judges in the trial of accused war criminal John Demjanjuk. [Paul Lungen photo]

Against this background of Ukrainian national tragedy, the visitors discuss the Demjanjuk trial. Boshyk says Ukrainians in the United States and Canada view the court case as a "show trial," picking up the phrase used by Yoram Sheftel, the Israeli member of the defence team, at his first appearance in court.

Struk criticizes imprecise media reports, which say that "all guards were Ukrainians," or refer to Ukrainian Nazis. "There were no Ukrainian Nazis, perhaps there were collaborators. The mislabeling rankles."

He adds that the trial should not be that of a national group, but only that of an individual.

I ask whether Struk thinks that the conditions for a fair trial are present. "I find it hard to answer. I can't make up my mind after only two days in court. I hear people voice different opinions; there are disturbing elements," he says.

Struk is especially perturbed by the busing of schoolchildren and soldiers to the improvised courtroom and by the stage atmosphere. The trial actually takes place on a stage in a Jerusalem cinema converted for the purpose.

"The image seems inappropriate for the gravity of the case and the dignity of the court," Boshyk adds.

The visitors are especially disturbed by the visit of Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir to a trial session and his later comment before high school students that he admires the courage of the witnesses.

"I would feel more comfortable with no coming and going in the courtroom; this is a serious matter," says Struk.

"We expected greater sensitivity on the part of the Israelis to our national sensibilities," Boshyk says.

Lawyer Bohdan Onyschuk says no Canadian court would allow the busing of schoolchildren into the courtroom or countenance an appearance by the Prime Minister: "If Israel wants to use the trial as a history lesson for its youth, this should not be at the expense of the accused.

The visitors are guarded in their assessment of defence lawyer Mark O'Connor. They decline to speculate on his motivation. "It's probably one of the most unique trials of the century; if he's successful he's written his ticket," one of them says.

There is criticism of the fact that the State of Israel does not cover the defence costs. "If the trial goes on for six to nine months, how can a private person defend himself?" asks one of the visitors. "Fund raising by the Ukrainian community can be perceived as anti-Jewish," he adds.

Other sentiments voiced are: a fair trial means full cover of defence costs; the case is so unique that the state should pay; and Israel must be seen to do justice.

In this connection it is pointed out to the visitors that O'Connor had earlier accepted the services of Israeli lawyer Gershon Orion, who offered to work free of charge. But for reasons that were not publicized, O'Connor then changed his mind. Yoram Sheftel is receiving an undisclosed sum for his services.

Referring back to the group's visit, Struk says: "We are here to make sure that our two communities don't fall into the trap set up by the Soviets, to pit one against the other. We Ukrainians support Israel because we regard it as a bastion against Soviet imperialism."

Boshyk warns against allowing hotheads in either the Jewish or the Ukrainian community to grab headlines and inflame spirits.

He says that most of the Israelis he has met are eager for a dialogue and suggests that "rather than waiting for the other side to take the first step, let us do so together."

Papercut exhibit has some mystery

By
CARL ALPERT

HAIFA —

A museum exhibit of artistic papercuts could hardly be regarded as point of departure for an example of Soviet attitude toward its Jews, nor as the source of a mystery being aired here for the first time . . . in the hope that perhaps some reader may know the solution.

The story begins with what was intended to be an uneventful visit to the Haifa Museum exhibition of world papercuts, which has been drawing such unexpected crowds that its run has been extended to July. Children in kindergartens are often taught to fold a piece of paper twice over, make appropriate snips, and then unfold to reveal a symmetrical pattern. Imaginative and creative artists have developed the craft since earliest known times, though the oldest papercuts still in existence were discovered at a burial site in China dating to the 6th century.

For some reason it was seized upon by Jews as a means of artistic expression, particularly among Orthodox Jews, and many of the exquisite items on exhibition deal with religious symbols and motifs. The craft flourished in Eastern Europe, but because of the flimsiness and fragility of the products, none is known to have survived the Holocaust.

The hundreds of selected papercuts in this exhibit are divided among national pavilions, with exceptionally beautiful, almost breathtaking pieces from China, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Poland and Mexico among other countries.

The work of Israeli artists, of course, predominates, and they are up to the highest of comparative international standards. Yet it was in the Israeli collection that we came across the name of Pnina Green, of Leningrad. But why among the Israelis? Nina Benzoor, curator of the Museum of Music and Ethnology, told us the story:

Pnina, now 27, studied architecture in her native Russia and practiced that profession until she was dismissed from her job because of her activities in spreading Jewish culture. Now resident in Leningrad, she began making papercuts with traditional Jewish themes, and gave some of her work to friends. Learning of plans for the Haifa exhibit, which had been in preparation for two years, she called forth the maximum of her skill and inspiration, and produced a delicate piece which was very carefully packed and sent off to Haifa. It never got beyond the border, where it was confiscated by the Soviet authorities, possibly on the grounds that it was revealing state secrets.

Yet Pnina Green is represented in the exhibit after all. Some of her friends, who had been able to leave the Soviet Union with their belongings, brought samples of her work to Israel with them, and were happy to loan them for the present show. Fittingly, they are in the Israel pavilion. All show intense Jewish inspiration.

There are few American works on exhibition, but mystery surrounds one that came to Haifa from Massena, NY. It is the largest creation with a Jewish theme, and adorns the official exhibit poster.

First, a bit of history. In 1928, on the eve of Yom Kippur, a small Christian girl disappeared in Massena, a city in upper New York state, and a policeman summoned the rabbi of Congregation Adas Israel to explain to the mayor if it was true that Jews used the blood of children in their religious ceremonies. Public feeling against the Jews began to run high, and the shudder of fear that went through the tiny Jewish community may well be imagined. Fortunately the little girl, having lost her way, was found the following day, but the fact that the traditional blood libel could be taken seriously on the American continent left a lasting impression on the Jews.

Two years later, Adas Israel celebrated its 10th anniversary with due thanks for security and tolerance. One of the gifts presented to the synagogue on that occasion was a large (159 x 106 cm.) and magnificent papercut showing the Ten Commandments, doves of peace and a statement of faith in God, surrounded by elaborate decorative motifs, cut out with meticulous, detailed precision. Coloring is with pencil, black ink, gouache and gold and silver hues.

For years the work hung in the small Adas Israel shul, until now it has found its way to the museum, donated by Dr. Samuel J. Jacobs and Isaac Rossoff, president.

A lettered panel across the bottom, apparently executed by the artist, carries a Hebrew inscription: "To the Adas Israel synagogue, founded in 1920, gift of Reb Zalman Schneour, son of Moshe Halevi, and his wife, Rivka, daughter of Shmuel, in perpetual memorial, in the year 1930."

It is not clear if the donor was himself the artist, or if he commissioned the work to be done. Where did it come from? What is the story behind it? What was his family name? The style is typically Eastern European, and it is not known whether it was done in Europe or in the U.S. At any rate, the gift of Reb Zalman and his wife, Rikva, continues in perpetual memorial, as they no doubt would have wished, in the free state of Israel.

As for the exhibition itself, no visitor to Haifa should miss this highly unusual show of an unconventional creative art. Open to the public through July.

Opinion

William Quandt on Camp David:

Carter administration was key to peace accord

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

The Camp David Accords were a turning point in recent Middle Eastern history. Signed by Anwar Sadat and Menachem Begin on Sept. 17, 1978, they laid the foundation for Israel's 1979 peace treaty with Egypt. However, the elaborate formula for addressing the Palestinian problem through the establishment of an autonomous region for the West Bank and the Gaza Strip remained a "dead letter," writes William Quandt in *Camp David: Peacemaking and Politics (The Brookings Institute, Washington).*

Quandt, in analyzing the events that led to Camp David, has produced what is probably the best book about these tortuous negotiations. And it is not surprising that he has written it.

From 1977 to 1979, he was a member of the National Security Council, with special responsibility for the Middle East. Together with Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and national security advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski, he helped President Jimmy Carter devise Washington's strategy for the painstaking process that resulted in the Camp David Accords.

No agreement would have materialized without the participation of the Carter administration. "The U.S. role became crucial because both Egypt and Israel wanted American involvement and hoped to win Washington to their point of view," Quandt observes.

"To this end, Carter found himself in the role of psychotherapist, gently trying to explain to (Begin and Sadat) the problems of the other in the hope of overcoming fears and distrust," he adds. "He also acted as a messenger, conveying positions and impressions back and forth. On other occasions he was more the arbitrator, pressing for agreement along the lines that he had determined were fair."

Carter, in his attempt to break the Middle East impasse, was definitely committed to an active policy. Viewing the Arab-Israeli conflict as closely related to the energy crisis and the danger of a superpower confrontation, he was convinced that the chance to bring peace to the Middle East might be lost if the impasse was not soon broken.

He set out three basic requirements:

•Peace should entail normal relations — the exchange of ambassadors, open borders, trade, tourism and regional economic cooperation — and a Palestinian homeland.

•An agreement should be monitored through peacekeeping forces and early warning stations.

•In return, Israel should eventually give up the occupied territories, with only minor modifications.

In formulating his ideas, Carter proceeded from the assumption that Israel would trade territory for peace, as embodied in UN resolution 242. But Carter, says Quandt, was too sanguine. While the Israelis welcomed his emphasis on normal Arab-Israeli relations, they felt threatened by his view that they should withdraw to the pre-1967 lines. Furthermore, they were uneasy with his apparent assessment that the PLO should be brought into the picture.

Menachem Begin faced Jimmy Carter at the Camp David talks in 1978.

In elaborating his views, Carter hoped to convene a peace conference in Geneva that would promote meaningful Arab-Israeli negotiations. Practical or not, Carter's tactics were rendered obsolete by Anwar Sadat's historic trip to Jerusalem in November of 1977. Carter was not particularly thrilled by it. As Quandt puts it: "One could sense a tinge of jealousy within the administration that Sadat had thought of a dramatic move that cut across the American plans for Geneva. And no politician could ignore the enormous media exposure given to the event. Carter and his political advisors would no doubt have liked the president to have been somehow involved in such a major decision."

Quandt reveals that the Americans were determined not be left out of the momentum created by Sadat's startling gesture. Brzezinski drafted a memo — the main point of which was that the U.S. should try to impose a wider framework on top of the movement toward an Israeli-Egyptian accommodation. Henceforth, Carter and his closest advisors would try to use the opening provided by Sadat to move forward on the Palestinian question.

According to Quandt, the idea of inviting Sadat and Begin to Camp David was first broached by Carter and Brzezinski in January of 1978, after the breakdown of talks between Israel and Egypt. Still attaching great importance to a diplomatic breakthrough, Carter now concluded that his personal involvement in the peace process would be beneficial for all concerned. He genuinely believed that he could assist each side understand the other and therefore bring the Middle East closer to peace.

Camp David would provide an "ideal setting" for Begin and Sadat "to discover their common interest in, and commitment to, peace in the Middle East."

Carter, he discloses, had "little trust or confidence" in Begin, but respected him as an effective spokesman for his point of view. By contrast, he felt "genuine affection" for Sadat, though he was troubled by his moodiness and unpredictability.

Begin came to Camp David with a distinct advantage, Quandt says. He could leave the talks at any time and go back home without feeling adverse political consequences, blaming the failure on Egypt's "unreasonable" position.

But for Carter and Sadat, the stakes were much higher, since a setback would be tantamount to personal failure.

The Camp David meetings were held over a period of 13 days and reflected the trials and tribulations of the preceding year and a half. The same issues were discussed and the same disagreements emerged. The process, Quandt writes, "came to resemble an endurance contest in which the party that could least afford failure was brought under pressure to make concessions. This turned out to be Sadat."

Quandt's assessment of the outcome makes eminent sense.

•Egypt's most tangible gain was an Israeli commitment to full withdrawal from the Sinai Peninsula. To obtain this, Sadat promised to "normalize" relations with Israel once the first phase of the withdrawal had been completed and agreed to concrete security arrangements to be monitored by the U.S. and the United Nations.

Sadat had much less to point to vis-a-vis the Palestinian question: The Camp David document referred to "the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people" and the right of the Palestinians to choose their own form of government. But Israel made no commitment to withdraw from Judea, Samaria and Gaza, and Jewish settlements in the occupied areas were not even mentioned (though Carter believed, erroneously, that Begin would not build more settlements for the duration of talks on Palestinian autonomy).

Quandt says that the Egyptians were "deeply disappointed" by the results of Camp David.

•Israel had to cede Sinai, but in return, peace (of a sort) had been gained, and Israel was given a relatively free hand in dealing with the West Bank and Gaza. "For Begin, Sinai had been sacrificed, but Eretz Yisrael had been won."

Begin, Quandt states, was "the most able" negotiator at Camp David. "He understood best how to play the cards in his hand, he was meticulous in turning words to his advantage, and he credibly used the threat to break off the talks to extract concessions at crucial moments... He knew how to play the game of brinkmanship..."

Although Begin promised "full autonomy" to the West Bank and Gaza, he refused to spell out what that meant in practice, and he did not agree to abolish the military government in those areas.

Carter, Quandt maintains, was the "architect" of Camp David. "Left to themselves, Sadat and Begin would probably not have overcome their suspicions and would have broken off the talks over any number of issues."

In summing up, Quandt says that the agreements reached at Camp David marked "an important watershed" in the history of Arab-Israeli peace negotiations, since they led to Israel's peace treaty with Egypt.

But he warns that if Israel, Egypt and the U.S. fail to resolve the Palestinian problem peacefully, the hard-won peace between Israel and Egypt could be jeopardized.

Rosenne's treatment called unfair

By
WOLF BLITZER

WASHINGTON —

There is a widespread consensus among career Israeli diplomats, senior American officials, prominent Jewish leaders and others in Washington that Israel Ambassador Meir Rosenne has received some rather unfair and shabby treatment in recent days by Foreign Minister Shimon Peres.

After serving 34 years in the ministry of foreign affairs, Rosenne was summarily informed on March 6 that he would have a mere seven weeks to complete his Washington assignment and to return home by May 1. He began to pack his bags.

On March 18, according to informed sources, Rosenne received a second message from the foreign ministry informing him that he could stay in Washington until "one day after" Israel's Independence Day, which this year falls on May 6.

The embassy in Washington annually holds a huge reception for American leaders on that day, and officials in Jerusalem belatedly realized that Rosenne should host that event. No new ambassador has yet been named.

The ambassador, according to informed sources, began hasty preparations to wind up his 4-year tour of duty in Washington. For example, he immediately cancelled plans to receive on May 17 a large delegation of prominent American Jewish political activists who were planning to attend the annual policy conference of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), the pro-Israeli lobbying organization on Capitol Hill.

Rosenne, a former envoy to Paris who earlier spent several years as the foreign ministry's legal advisor, would also have little time to wind up a whole series of ongoing negotiations with U.S. officials involving some very sensitive subjects, such as the Pollard spy scandal and the Iran arms affair probe.

Meir Rosenne

He was also in the midst of delicate diplomatic talks with his Soviet counterpart, Ambassador Yuri Dubinin, on the details for an exchange of Israeli and Soviet visits involving "consular" issues. Rosenne has held numerous talks with the Soviets in recent years, begining with Dubinin's predecessor, Anatoly Dobrynin who is today a senior foreign policy advisor to General-Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev.

Despite those delicate negotiations, Rosenne was told to complete his activities.

He and his wife, Vera, also realized that there would be very little time left for the usual round of farewell parties and tributes always held in honor of departing Israeli ambassadors.

On March 29, Rosenne was suddenly told to stay in Washington until June 1, presumably so that he could be available to help receive Foreign Minister Peres in the U.S. capital. Peres is scheduled to address the AIPAC meetings in mid-May and then to meet with Secretary of State George Shultz and other U.S. officials.

"This is no way to treat someone who has served Israel so faithfully all of these years," an embassy diplomat complained, "I've never seen anything like this in all the years I've served in the foreign ministry."

Another Israeli official called it "a disgrace."

Rosenne, for his part, is avoiding any comment.

After the embassy announced that Rosenne would be leaving Washington, the American news media began asking whether his return to Jerusalem was somehow related to the Pollard spy scandal. But Rosenne and other Israeli officials have denied any connection.

Appearing April 1 on NBC's Today Show, Rosenne was asked why he was leaving. "I have been here four years, and before coming here, I spent four years as ambassador to France," he said. "So I have been away from Israel eight years now. It's quite a long time. And quite an exception because in the Israeli diplomatic service, you are abroad between five and six years only."

Opinion

Don't worry—it remains our basic text

Uncle Eliezer asks why Haggadah downplayed

By
J. B. SALSBERG

Readers may wonder why, having dealt with the glorious holiday of Pesach last week, I am returning to the same subject this week. The reason is twofold.

First, uncle Eliezer's friends registered some objections.

J. B. Salsberg

Second, since this issue of the paper will reach our readers while Pesach is still with us it will not displease our enlightened readership to continue to be engaged in Pesach matters once again.

So, relax and read on.

As all good readers know I always respect and usually agree with the views of my uncle Eliezer and his Thursday night shvitz buddies. I was, therefore, surprised by some of their enquiries about last week's column.

I had thought that this column had been lovingly dedicated to the traditional observance of the Passover seder — a practice that breathes life and drama into the story of our forefather's victorious struggle for liberation from Egyptian slavery. How, then, could anyone think that I don't appreciate the Haggadah, the basic script of the seder's dramatic performance? This is how.

It so happened that my good uncle Eliezer unexpectedly dropped into my place while on his way to the weekly shvitz session and read my carbon copy of that column. He asked whether I would let him have it so that he might read it to his shvitz sanhedrin during their well known repast — and the intellectual discussion that follows. I saw no reason for not agreeing and thus it happened that the shvitz regulars read and discussed the contents of last week's column even before the paper was off the press.

According to the wise men of the Ancient Order of the Thursday Night Regulars the very heading of that column downgraded the Haggadah's prestige.

I pointed out to my good uncle that yes, I took some liberties but it was for the purpose of emphasizing the importance of the family seder in the most dramatic form — in which every member of the family and especially the children are active performers in the historic experience of liberation.

After all, I emphasized, the Haggadah didn't originate at Mt. Sinai.

It came into being in ancient times to give order and form to the biblical injunction to "tell your children" what happened at that time of liberation. It evolved and was enlarged with the passing of time, but always with an eye to the transmission of that memorable event to the young, to the children.

If the simple reading of the Haggadah were suggested then there would be many kneidlach fressers who would manage to rush through the reading of the Haggadah quicker than any one could follow. That would make a travesty of the essential meaning of the seder and of Passover itself. As for as the children, they would become indifferent listeners, if that.

In fact, the text of the Haggadah is continuously being enlarged and fresh material is being added. In recent times there have been a number of such additions:

- An abbreviated but telling text of the Holocaust tragedy is now included in the Haggadah and is recited by all at the seder.
- An appropriate recitation of the rebirth of the State of Israel is now also incorporated in the Haggadah texts and is joyously read in all but "anti-Zionist" houses.
- The same is true of an Haggadah addition that recites the difficulties of Soviet Jewry.
- Until a couple of years ago the plight of the Ethiopian Jews was recited at the seder in many Jewish homes and in other lands.
- The same holds true for the long-suffering Syrian Jewish community, whose plight is not yet sufficiently known to world Jewry.

So, my dear uncle, as you will see I did not attempt to downplay the Haggadah but, rather, to point it out as the guide for the most impressive presentation of the events of the Exodus in a living, dramatic fashion in which all members at the family seder, especially the young, participate enthusiastically.

Don't worry, uncle Eliezer, the Haggadah still remains our basic text. And, again, Chag Samayach!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome if they are in English or French, no more than 250 words, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and handwritten signature.

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SAYS WE'RE "SEXIST, AGEIST"

I cannot believe the pictures and advertisements I looked at in the March 5 Spring Fashion insert of The Canadian Jewish News.

Do the fashion editors really believe that society consists primarily of human beings who are young, angular and athletic?

It was most disheartening to see such flagrant sexist, ageist abuse.

Where are the middle-aged/elderly women shopping? Where are the physically handicapped women shopping? Where are the average looking women shopping?

This fashion document can discredit the contribution you are usually able to make for all humankind.

I trust you will give your advertising policy serious thought and come up with a philosophy that is truly reflective of how indeed we really look.

Etta McEwan
Toronto

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OUTRAGED BY CAMPUS PLO

The PLO representative in Canada, Abdul Abdullah, spoke at the University of Western Ontario recently.

Approximately 150 people came out to Abduallah's speech, at least half of them Jewish student protesters like myself.

I was outraged that a PLO representative would be invited to speak at my university (not by the Students' Council, I might add). I was reassured to see how many of my fellow concerned Jewish students came out to protest Abdullah's speech.

Freedom of speech, like any other right, is not absolute; there are limitations. Moreover, freedom of speech was not the primary issue behind our protest; terrorism was.

Abdullah spent 40 minutes denouncing Israeli policies and practices, at one point stating, "If one wants to talk about terrorism, the finger would be pointed only at Israel."

Robin Bailey
London, Ont.

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BOOK REVIEW A "DISTORTION"

I would like to protest the gross distortion made by your book reviewer, Carl Alpert, who trashed my *Jews In America Today.*

He insinuates, for instance, that I make a hero of hate-promoter Louis Farrakhan.

Except that this is what I really wrote: "Farakhan's notions of both Arabs and Jews are crackpot. . . . Obviously, Farrakhan is a loose cannon."

Alpert sneers that my *Zionism in the Age of the Dictators* was "lauded by Izvestia." Oh my God! Except it was also 'lauded' by the London Times.

Lenni Brenner
Albany, Calif.

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CHEERS FOR CHINSKY

I would like to compliment Miriam Chinsky for her excellent article on my design consulting company, David B. Margulis and Associates, in your March 18 Elegant Life Magazine supplement.

This has already resulted in our recent clients giving us congratulations and I am confident that we will have further referrals.

David B. Margulis
Toronto

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Community leader Louise Cornblum is delighted by story and photos about her home in Elegant Life Magazine.

KUDOS TO ELEGANT LIFE

My children were upset in advance when I consented to have my home written about and photographed for your March 19 Elegant Life Magazine article headed "Home designed to meet demands of fund raising."

They thought the story might say, "look how rich this lady is and don't you wish that you were too? Nyah, nyah!"

Well, my family no longer thinks I ought to be clapped up in the loony bin for allowing the article to be done.

Photographer Marie-Josee Crete and writer Lori Smith did a fine, sensitive job.

My family now says it conveyed well the idea that I was a nice lady who built the house, not to show off, but to help raise funds for Israel.

Louise Cornblum
Toronto

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GAYS CAN'T BE "TREATED"

Re your continuing debate on homosexuality and human rights:

Rebbe Menachem Schneerson may be "a great spiritual leader," but he appears to lose sight of basic principles of human rights in his description of homosexuality as "a sickness."

Whatever the determination of sexual preference, it has been demonstrated that psychoanalytical views have little to offer in terms of understanding or modifying homosexuality.

Psychiatric approaches to "treating" homosexuality, which means "changing it," have met with complete failure.

Many therapists now focus their energies on helping individuals cope with the reality of their sexual preference.

In all likelihood this is biologically determined and an integral part of a person's makeup as is the case for heterosexuals.

The real issue is not whether homosexuality is an "abnormality" or "a sickness," but whether individuals with lifestyles and practices that may not be considered acceptable to the majority of our society should have their basic human rights denied.

As a spiritual leader the Rebbe should help his followers understand the need for basic respect for those people whose lifestyle may be different from his followers.

For most homosexuals, the greatest difficulty is dealing honestly and realistically with their own basic emotional and biological drives in a society that for the most part treats them as pariahs.

Spiritual leadership should lead us to understanding, tolerance and humane actions.

Dr. Michael Gordon
Mount Sinai Hospital
Toronto

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LAUDS RABBI'S COLUMN

A tip of the hat to Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut for his open and honest column, "Community grows aware of wife abuse."

Better human rights for both men and women in the Jewish home are long overdue.

H. Max Seiden
Toronto

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BRAVO TO MAY COHEN

Recently you carried a story from Hamilton, Ont., about Dr. May Cohen of that city and her valuable achievements.

It might have been of considerable interest to your readers had you revealed that she is also the daughter of the well known Sam Lipshitz, editor of Fraternally Yours, of the New Jewish Fraternal Association; member of the Committee for Yiddish of Canadian Jewish Congress, and all-round community activist.

Sam Hirshberg
Toronto

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BEEFS ABOUT BEEF STORY

In the recent article by Esther Fisher titled "Go to lean cuts for healthier way to eat beef," she reports an argument that beef is less fattening nowadays because:

1. "Beef is produced leaner today."
2. Butchers are cutting away more fat than before.

The source of Ms. Fisher's report is the Beef Information Centre, which has a vested interest in promoting beef.

In the interest of fairness, and as an exponent of vegetarianism, I would like to state that a diet which is centred on the eating of legumes (beans, peas and lentils) will certainly be less fattening than one centred around meats such as beef.

This is so because no matter how the beef farmers breed and raise their cattle, there will always be marbling of fat between the muscle tissues of their cows and steers.

No butcher, nor cook can effectively overcome this fat problem better than yourself. To do it, avoid flesh products and switch to legumes and legume-based products like tofu and tempeh. You will thus obtain the high concentrations of protein that we Westerners are used to, without also ingesting large quantities of fat.

At the same time, you will be acting according to the spirit of the Torah, which directs us to be considerate to animals and respectful of life in general.

No living thing, not even a vine, must die to have legumes put on your table.

No — beef is not back — it's on the way out.

Martin Thomas Salsberg
Toronto

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RED CROSS RACIST?

At the last International Red Cross conference, a decision was taken to include the Islamic Red Crescent in the official title of that organization.

At the same time, the application of Magen David Adom, the Israeli equivalent of the Red Cross, for the recognition of the Star of David as MDA's official emblem, was rejected.

This decision — of bestowing the honor upon the Red Crescent — is startling, if one takes into account that Islamic countries' contribution toward relief of suffering, which is the goal of the Red Cross, has been in general rather nil.

During recent disasters, when relief was rushing from all over," not much was reported forthcoming from the Islamic countries, especially the fabulously rich Arab ones.

At the same time, little Israel was prompt to respond as in, among others, the rescue of the "Boat People" on the open sea, when others closed the ports to them, in sending teams of experts to Mexico and South America during the disasters; and dispatching an expert in bone marrow transplant to Chernobyl.

The work of the Israelis in medical and related fields proved to be of great value in fighting diseases afflicting mankind, and even more so, of those prominent Jews like Metchnikoff in biology, Ehrlich in immunology, Wasserman in syphilis, Landsteiner in blood grouping, Haftkine in plague and cholera vaccine, Salk in virtually eradicating polio, and Tzank in pioneering blood transfusion.

Undoubtedly Magen David Adom had ample credentials to have its application approved. The fact that the International Red Cross failed to do so indicates that it is dominated, like the United Nations, by the dark forces of racism and hatred.

I. Josy
Toronto

World-National

Hating evil called valid by Keegstra counsel

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both before and after the existence of the Charter, was never absolute. There are permissible areas of speech and areas that are impermissible, such as defamation, perjury and conspiracy.

He said the purpose of the hate law was not to prevent false speech per se, but to criminalize the promotion of hatred. He pointed to similar laws in European democracies and to United Nations conventions showing that the truth or falsity of the hate-promoting statement is not a defining characteristic of the offence.

The anti-hate law can regulate free expression when the expression affects the rights of others, Fraser argued. He said the purpose of the legislation is to protect groups in Canada who have no other protection, and he urged the judges to view the law in light of the Charter principle that promotes multiculturalism in Canada.

Responding to the defence contention that other means exist to protect the rights of groups, such as civil actions for group defamation, Fraser said such laws were under provincial jurisdiction and varied from province to province.

He said the promotion of hate was a problem of national dimensions that affects all Canadians, not just the target groups. It therefore requires a national solution and criminal sanctions, he said.

Fraser also argued that placing the onus on the accused person to prove the truth of the statements he or she made is consistent with the recommendations of the 1965 Cohen Commission report, which prompted adoption of the anti-hate law and which argued it should be up to the original accuser to prove what he says is true.

During later questioning by the court of Christie, the defence lawyer was asked why the court could not interpret the reverse onus provision in terms of a reasonable presumption that he who promotes hatred does so relying on false information.

Christie replied that society should tolerate intolerant remarks.

Turning to other grounds raised on appeal, Christie argued that he should have been allowed to call former Alberta Premier Peter Lougheed as a witness to prove that Keegstra's claims of the existence of a Jewish conspiracy were true. Christie asserted that Keegstra was charged as a result of a telephone call to Lougheed from Simon Wiesenthal, whom he termed "an international Zionist."

That prompted Justice Howard Irving to ask if a telephone call from someone concerned that a law is being broken amounts to a conspiracy.

"I'm blessed if I can see how there is a conspiracy," added Kerans. "It's doing something he's got a constitutional right to do...express a view."

Christie also maintained that statements by Lougheed about Keegstra in the legislature prejudiced any potential jury, making it impossible to obtain a fair trial. Christie said the former premier called Keegstra an anti-semite.

However, when Christie presented a copy of Hansard, the verbatim parliamentary record, the justices noted that Christie's description of Lougheed's statement wasn't precise. They said Lougheed's remarks restated the finding of a reference board, which upheld the decertification of Keegstra as a teacher because of the former teacher's racist and religiously prejudiced views.

According to Canadian Press, Kerans later expressed concern that a year of public condemnation of Keegstra, including statements by politicians and newspaper editorials, could have pressured a jury into convicting him. Kerans called the publicity, the loss of Keegstra's teaching licence and the public remarks "very troubling."

Fraser responded by noting Christie was unable to cite examples of articles or broadcasts that could have prejudiced jurors and that the trial judge warned the jurors to ignore the publicity.

However Kerans is reported to have said at least one editorial in the Calgary Herald urged Albertans to prove they did not have racist or bigoted views. "The jurors might have been under pressure to show to the world they weren't bigots," the judge said.

He told Christie that few of the 32 grounds of appeal he raised could lead to an acquittal. Christie has argued he should have been allowed to challenge jury panelists with questions to determine whether they were impartial. However, one justice noted Christie did not ask for a ban on publication at the preliminary hearing or for a change in venue.

Kerans also pointed out Christie did not ask the trial judge for assistance to help frame questions he could put to the jury panel.

Christie also argued the trial judge erred in taking judicial notice (dispensing with proof) that Jews as an identifiable group were defined by adherence in general to the religion of Judaism. He said Keegstra distinguished between the Jewish religion and so called self-styled Jews who followed the Talmud and Zionism, which Keegstra said were political ideologies. Quoting Jewish sources on the who is a Jew debate, Christie said it was unclear who a Jew is and therefore defining them in the way the trial judge did obscured the distinction Keegstra drew between religious Jews and political Jews.

Christie has asked the court to overturn the conviction and $5,000 fine. The Crown has asked for a stiffer penalty.

Throughout the appeal, Jewish Defence League members and supporters picketed in front of the Calgary courthouse, while Keegstra was joined in court by about 12-20 supporters.

Representatives of B'nai B'rith Canada and Canadian Jewish Congress monitored the trial.

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CANADIAN ZIONIST FEDERATION

Procedures for Election of Delegates to the

31st World Zionist Congress

December, 1987 in Jerusalem

Preparation of Electoral List

All those who registered and paid fees directly to the Canadian Zionist Federation, as well as those who joined any Zionist organization and on whose behalf names and fees were submitted by each Zionist organization to the C.Z.F., will be eligible to participate in the election of delegates to the 31st World Zionist Congress.

The membership lists were completed and/or submitted by the closing date of the official Membership Campaign, March 27, 1987.

During the months of April and May, all membership data was entered onto the computers of our official independent Electionnaires, B.J. Hunter, verified as to accuracy by each submitting organization, and ultimately merged into our master electoral list. Membership cards, official slates and ballots, and instructions are, as well, in preparation.

Election

The election will be by MAIL VOTE. On or about June 8, election materials will be sent to each member, who will be requested to mark one box on the ballot card, enclose in the addressed postage paid return envelope and mail back by July 12. Election results will be published in the local Jewish press in August.

The following slates of delegates are the only eligible slates for election. As per the percentage of the total votes cast, delegates will be elected in the order in which they appear. Alternates will be designated from the next names on the slate and in the order in which they appear. Thus by way of example if organization X achieves sufficient votes to elect 3 delegates, they will be names 1, 2, and 3 on their slate. If two of these delegates are unable to attend the Congress for any reason, names 4 and 5 would become their replacements. Each slate contains a maximum of 19 names based on the total number of delegates to the last Zionist Congress, which may be modified by the World Zionist Organization in accordance with its Constitution. Additional information will be furnished on request.

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3. Hanna Eliashiv
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7. Walter Hess
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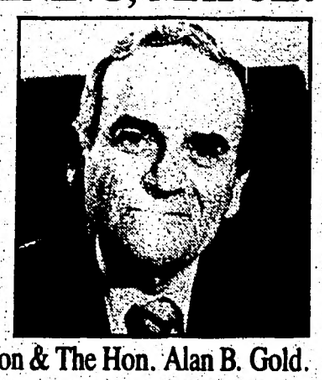

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World-National

MK says Israel must sever SA ties

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —
An influential member of the Knesset says that Israel should sever practically all ties with South Africa.

"I would like to see relations close to zero," said Yair Tsaban, chairman of the Knesset's ombudsman committee, in an interview.

Tsaban, who represents the left-of-centre Mapam Party, described as inadequate the government's recent decision to downgrade ties with South Africa, whose apartheid policy has drawn international condemnation.

Tsaban, here to address a meeting sponsored by the Canadian Committee for Progressive Israel and the Tzavta Kibbutz Centre, said that Israel, out of sensitivity to South Africa's fairly large Jewish community, should not break relations completely with Pretoria.

Referring to the recent disclosure that Israel has been selling arms to South Africa in contravention of a 1977 United Nations embargo, Tsaban said he was doubtful whether the government would cut all military links with Pretoria.

"Decisive elements" within the government, namely Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, are opposed to a total cessation of Israel's military relationship with South Africa, he argued.

Tsaban, who also sits on the Knesset's labor, welfare and finance committees, expressed surprise that Israeli weaponry and technology had been sent to South Africa. "There was a kind of cover-up," he said.

However, he pointed out that Israel's massive arms industry cannot survive unless it exports its products.

Turning to another topic, Tsaban cast doubt on the government's ability to make peace. "The present Israeli (unity) government is incapable of it. It is a government of national paralysis."

Tsaban said that Israel will be in a better position to negotiate a lasting settlement with its Arab neighbors if the Labor Party wins more seats in the next election at the expense of the Likud. Labor could then jettison its marriage of convenience with Likud and form an alliance with parties more flexible than Likud.

Mapam, which has six seats in parliament, was a member of every Israeli government until 1977. Its alliance with the Labor Party broke up three years ago after Labor leader Shimon Peres decided to share power with Likud.

According to Tsaban the obstacles to a peaceful resolution of the Arab-Israeli dispute lie on both sides. Neither Israel nor the Palestinian leadership, he charged, have established conditions that could lead to "a real peace process."

Yair Tsaban

Mapam favors an Israeli withdrawal from "almost all of the occupied areas in exchange for peace, mutual recognition and security arrangements," he noted.

Israel should negotiate with any Palestinian group that accepts its existence and declares a moratorium on acts of terrorism, Tsaban added.

He criticized the PLO for not "playing its last card — recognition of Israel — but said he was encouraged by PLO chairman Yasser Arafat's recent statement that he would not insist on direct PLO participation during the first phase of an international peace conference on the Middle East.

Tsaban said Mapam is in favor of self-determination for the Palestinians, preferably within the context of a Jordanian-Palestinian federation.

Calling Jewish settlements in the occupied areas an "obstacle to peace," he said they should be dismantled if a peace agreement with the Arabs is at hand.

Israel, he went on to say, should declare its readiness to negotiate "the future" of the Golan Heights, held by Syria before the Six Day War and annexed by Israel in 1981.

But Tsaban came out against a complete Israeli withdrawal from the Golan, saying that "border rectifications" in Israel's favor were in order.

Speaking of the religious status quo, Tsaban said Mapam would back any legislation that brought about a separation of church and state in Israel. If Mapam had its way, civil marriage would be permitted, the Reform and Conservative branches of Judaism would be granted official recognition, and El Al would again be allowed to fly on the Sabbath, he stated.

Tsaban, the first MK to raise debate in the Knesset on the dangers posed by the election of Rabbi Meir Kahane, said that "Kahanism" has receded but that the ideas underlying it remain. "We have a lot of work to do in that respect."

Kahane, who heads the Kach Party, advocates the expulsion of Arabs from Israel.

Tsaban called on Jews in the Diaspora to contribute to Israel's peace camp by supporting "dovish elements" within the Zionist movement.

Members of Beth Ha Minyan Congregation held a minyan at the Peace Garden of Toronto's Nathan Phillips Square in support of Soviet hunger striker Lev Elbert's bid to emigrate. The service occurred on the congregation's day to fast as part of B'nai B'rith Wilson Heights Lodge's round-robin hunger strike. [Graphic Artists photo]

Elbert resting at home

Hunger striker collapses

By
WENDY ROSEN

TORONTO —
Soviet hunger striker Lev Elbert collapsed April 7 and is reportedly resting comfortably at home.

Barbara Stern, chairman of the Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry in Montreal, said in an interview that the Elbert family is asking that protests in support of the family's emigration bid be stepped up because there are "fears for his very survival."

Stern said that Elbert's wife Inna, who began the hunger strike with her husband on March 5, is becoming progressively weaker but that the couple remains determined to continue the fast.

Although no one knows precisely how much weight the Elberts have lost, after two weeks Lev had dropped 26 pounds and Inna 13 pounds. They are drinking only instant coffee.

In a recent conversation with Wendy Litwack, co-chairman of the Toronto-based Committee for Soviet Jewry, Ontario Region, Elbert said he resubmitted his emigration papers April 1 and told officials that if they needed more than eight work days to review his case, "it's one more sham in the Soviet system."

Elbert stressed that it was important that pressure be put on Soviet authorities, especially cables sent to President Andrei Gromyko and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, requesting an immediate review. He acknowledged that the official at the OVIR emigration office treated him civilly to the extent that it was suggested to him that at the bottom of the form he stress the length of time he had been on the hunger strike.

Elbert said he and his wife, for whose health he expressed concern, had managed to talk their 16-year-old son Carmi into not joining their hunger strike.

He has stated previously that he attributes his army service in 1973-74 as the reason why he has been refused an exit visa. Elbert began the hunger strike at this time because Carmi will be eligible for conscription in two years and he fears the vicious cycle will continue. The family wants to be reunified with Inna's mother and brother, Kira and Dr. Alexander Mizrukhin, in Israel.

The Refusenik said that Carmi is in Odessa with family friends and "won't return to school in this country."

Litwack, who said Elbert sounded great — "the fire of Zionism is in his heart like no one I've ever met" — was not interested in talking about the fast — only in getting some action before it is too late.

"We are asking people to call and write to the Soviet embassy in Ottawa," Litwack said, adding that Elbert told her: "On the wheels and cogs in your machinery our lives depend."

Soviet Refusenik Leonid Yuzevofitch said last week on the 20th day of his hunger strike that it is imperative to his situation that Canadians send a telegram to Mikhail Gorbachev (sending it to the kremlin in Moscow is sufficent to get to him), a Toronto source told The CJN.

Yuzevofitch's wife is almost six months pregnant and her doctors expressed concern that her kidney disease is worsening as the pregnancy continues. It will be the couple's fifth child.

In the call, Yuzevofitch stressed that he is prepared to stay behind — it's more important to him that his wife and children are allowed to emigrate.

"He said the only thing that will help her is proper medical care and to be with her family in Israel."

The source said that Yuzevofitch "sounded so desperate. He kept asking if I was sure things were being done for the family ... that the only thing that will save the family is a visa."

In Ottawa, Ben Prossin, director of the Committee for Soviet Jewry, Ontario Region, and 15 students representing Toronto day schools had a 10 minute meeting with Prime Minister Brian Mulroney. The members of the Student Freedom Caravan presented him with a letter asking him to intervene directly in the cases of Elbert and Yuzefovitch with his counterpart Gorbachev because of concerns for the physcial wellbeing of both families. His response was not known at press time.

After this meeting, the group together with Bill Attewell, chairman of the Parliamentary Committee for Soviet Jewry, went to the Soviet embassy where they had a 1-hour meeting with both Ambassador Alexei Rodionov and first secretary Andrei Choupin.

CJC, church groups make request

Ross investigation sought

By
PAUL LUNGEN

MONCTON —
The Chignecto Presbytery of the United Church of Canada recently called for a judicial investigation of teacher Malcolm Ross. It also asked the District 15 school board to take action against the Magnetic Hill school teacher.

Meanwhile, David Attis, national secretary of Canadian Jewish Congress, said the school board should take further steps to investigate the teaching practices of Ross. Attis said the board must take responsibility for allowing Ross to continue as a role model for young students.

"Our education system is based on Judean-Christian values. How can a man who hates Jews and distorts Christianity do anything to positively educate our children?" Attis said.

Rev. Stephen Mills of the Chignecto Presbytery said Ross' writings attempt to deny the Holocaust as history and to destroy the integrity of the Jewish people. "Since there is a provision in the Criminal Code which states clearly it is unlawful for any person to wilfully promote hatred against any identifiable group, we believe that Malcolm Ross ought to be fully investigated by our judicial system," he said.

"Following this investigation, we challenge the Moncton school board to respond in accordance with what it considers to be just and fair," Mills said.

"Our strong sense of community is gravely threatened and could indeed be destroyed by such activities (Ross' writings)," Mills added.

In other developments, the regional Miramichi and Woolastook Presbyteries joined the Chignecto organization calling on the national branch of the United Church to develop specific educational materials to counter Ross' views.

The resource material would be distributed to local churches and would enable them to "respond in an informed manner" to local and regional manifestations of anti-semitism, said Rev. Jim Leland of the Woolastook Presbytery.

(Ross has said his views that Jews are conspiring to undermine Christian society is consistent with traditional Christian teaching.)

The Magnetic Hill teacher is the subject of recent complaints by retired chemistry professor Dr. Julius Israeli, who alleges Ross' writings — a letter to a New Brunswick newspapers and three books - constitute anti-semitic hate literature.

A decision by Attorney General David Clark whether to prosecute Ross is pending.

Hosek captures Liberal nomination in Oakwood

TORONTO —
Chaviva Hosek has captured the Liberal nomination in the Ontario provincial riding of Oakwood after a heated battle with Ottavio Ariganello.

Hosek, past president of the National Action Committee on the Status of Women, was reported to have narrowly won the nomination by about 60 votes. In the next election she will face NDP incumbent Tony Grande who has held the riding since 1975.

Hosek's career includes 13 years on the faculty of the department of English literature at the University of Toronto and several years as a scholar at McGill University and Harvard. She is currently employed at Gordon Capital Corporation as a research partner in pension and corporate finance.

Visits king, PM

Peres gets warm welcome from Spanish govt.

MADRID (JTA) —

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres received a warm welcome during his 2-day official visit here, the first by a senior Israeli minister to Spain since the countries established diplomatic relations more than a year ago.

Peres was greeted at the airport by Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez, who said that relations with Israel are progressing smoothly and that the Spanish government hopes to strengthen them further in the months ahead. Peres observed that his visit is of diplomatic and political importance, but also of "great historic and cultural value in view of the two nations' past links."

During his stay here, he met with King Juan Carlos and Foreign Minister Francesco Fernandez Ordonez. Prior to his arrival, the Spanish press, including the national newspapers Diaro 16, ABC and La Vanguardia, published interviews with Peres and devoted considerable space to his comment on Spanish-Israeli relations.

Two months ago, Spain was visited by Israel's minister of education and culture Yitzhak Navon.

In reply to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Prime Minister Gonzalez said Spain favors an international conference for Middle East peace, as advocated by Peres. But the modalities are still to be worked out.

After meeting King Juan Carlos, Peres said that "His Majesty has promised to do what he can to help peace in the Middle East." But Spanish officials are puzzled by what they see as a strange dichotomy within the Israeli government over how peace in the region should be pursued.

Peres made clear he was seeking Spanish support for an international conference for Middle East peace. But the Israel's government position on this issue is far from clear, a senior Spanish diplomat, Jorge Dezcaller, told Israeli correspondents at a briefing.

Dezcaller, who heads the foreign ministry's Middle East department, said: "We are puzzled by the Israeli government. On the one hand, Foreign Minister Peres advocates a peace process. On the other, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir has informed our ambassador of his opposition to the plan."

Nevertheless, Prime Minister Gonzalez, who had a 3-hour meeting with Peres, pledged that his government would use its contacts in the Arab world to see if an international conference can be advanced, Israeli sources here said.

Even so, Spain and Israel have different conceptions of an international conference. Spain believes the Soviet Union and the Palestinians should participate. Israelis, at least those who share Peres' views, would exclude the Soviet Union unless it reestablished diplomatic ties with Israel. They would accept Palestinian representatives, but only those with no connections to the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Foreign Minister Fernando Ordonez invited Israel to participate in the Spanish National Exhibition in Seville in 1992, commemorating the 500th anniversary of Columbus' voyage of discovery. He said a special pavilion would be devoted to the Jewish contribution to Spanish history and culture.

Peres, at his meeting with the king, invited Juan Carlos to visit Israel "to repair a 500-year-old injustice" — the expulsion of Jews from Spain in 1492.

Juan Carlos reportedly replied that he would be happy to visit Israel. But no definite plans can be made. Such a visit must be approved by the government and would entail lengthy and detailed preparations.

Pregnant women get AIDS test

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

The health ministry has ordered routine blood testing of pregnant women in Israel for the AIDS antibodies.

Health Minister Shoshana Arbeli-Almoslino has instructed her staff to prepare and implement a program that will test some 100,000 women a year while a ministry team examines its legal, ethical, budgetary and organizational aspects. The ministry has been routinely testing pregnant women for German measles for the past five years, a disease which can damage a fetus.

Pregnant women infected with Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) virus can transmit the invariably fatal disease to the embryo in a womb or infect the infant during delivery. If the AIDS antibodies are present, the woman will be urged to terminate pregnancy.

Meanwhile, the health ministry reported that 41 cases of AIDS have been diagnosed in Israel since the beginning of 1982. Only 12 of the victims are alive. A large percentage of the Israeli victims were infected abroad and 11 of those infected were non-Israeli temporary visitors, the ministry said.

There are believed to be 201 AIDS carriers in Israel. All donated blood. To date, more than 10,000 Israelis have been tested for AIDS at hospitals. Seven hospitals are equipped with AIDS centres to monitor blood donations and provide follow-up guidance for AIDS patients and carriers.

Senator Croll calls for Senior Citizens Week

OTTAWA —

Canadians should "make a little fuss over grandpa and grandma" by designating the last week in August each year as Senior Citizens Week, Senator David Croll said recently.

Introducing a motion in the Senate, Croll praised the elderly, who he said, often arrived in Canada with "little more than the clothes on their backs," and who helped make life better for their offspring.

"One of the most important features of Western society is the enormous heritage of social capital left to us by our ancestors, to which we have added from time to time," Croll said. "Our parents were motivated by affection as well as a sense of duty to provide for the material welfare of their children.

"Young people take for granted the priceless gift of arable land, roads, utilities, hospitals, schools, museums and stately public buildings that contribute to the general wellbeing," the senator added. "Some of the outstanding contributions to our wellbeing, even politicians, are recognized and honored. Usually when they are dead we name schools, parks, mountains or even highways after them. This doubtless pleases their living descendants, but it would also be pleasant and fitting if we could honor some of the other contributors to our society while they are still with us."

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

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What's New

By MIRIAM CHINSKY

We are now in our new offices at 10 Gateway Blvd., Suite 420, Don Mills M3C 3A1. Our phone number is 422-2331. Because of the holidays, no calls will be taken for What's New and About People until Monday, April 27, which is the deadline for the May 7 issue.

Thursday, April 16

MISSION TO THE SOVIET UNION

Adath Israel Synagogue invites the congregation and community to hear **Cantor A.E. Kirshblum** in a public address, A Mission to the Soviet Union, 8.30 p.m., Thursday, April 16 at the synagogue, 37 Southbourne Ave.

The cantor will report on his meeting with Jewish Refuseniks and members of the Jewish community, in four cities within the Soviet Union.

There is no admission fee, and refreshments will be served.

BETH EMETH PESACH DANCE

Dance to the music of **Jossy and his Band** at a Hol Hamoed Pesach Dance presented by Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Brotherhood and Sisterhood in the Fischstein Hall of the shul, 100 Elder St., 9 p.m. Saturday, April 18.

Cost, $12 per person, includes Passover refreshments.

Tickets are available at the synagogue office, 633-3838.

NFJA THIRD SEDER

Board of Directors of the New Fraternal Jewish Association invites all members and friends to a Third Seder, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 18, at the organization's Centre, 120 Overbrook Pl.

The New Haggadah, with **Al Hershkowitz, Ruth Borchiver, Irving Hoffman** and **Manya Lipshitz**, will be presented.

There will also be a musical program featuring **Ruth Slater** and **Fagel Gartner**.

Admission is $5 and Passover refreshments will be served.

Tuesday, April 21

ALUMA CANADIAN ISRAELI CLUB

A discussion on **Ze'ev Jabotinski** (in Hebrew) is slated for the next meeting of the Aluma Canadian Israeli Club, 7.30 p.m., Tuesday, April 21 in the Fireside Lounge of the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave.

Everyone is welcome.

Wednesday, April 22

WARSAW GHETTO MEMORIAL

United Jewish Peoples Order is planning a Warsaw Ghetto Memorial tribute with the Toronto Jewish Folk Choir and a prominent speaker, 8 p.m., Wednesday, April 22 at the Winchevsky Centre, 585 Cranbrooke Ave.

Thursday, April 23

NA'AMAT KALANIT CHAPTER

Shoplifting and the Correctional System in Canada, will be discussed by probation officer **Aubrie Appel**, when Na'amat Pioneer Women's Kalanit Chapter (professional women between 25-35 years old — singles), meets on Thursday, April 23.

For more information call 636-5425 or 275-8200.

CRAFT SALE

Bunka (Japanese Embroidery), clay miniatures, leather creations, copper enameling, china painting, handpainted children's jogging suits, silk and dried flower arrangements, chocolates and numerous other items will be offered for sale and demonstrated by The Neighborhood Crafters at their show, 4-9 p.m., Thursday, April 23 in Three Valleys Public School, 76 Three Valleys Dr., Don Mills.

Donations from the show and sale will go to the school.

CONCERT AT HOLY BLOSSOM

Cellist **Ofra Harnoy**, violinist **Moshe Hammer** and pianist **Eliakim Taussig**, will perform at a benefit concert 8 p.m. April 23 in the sanctuary of Holy Blossom Temple. In addition, there will be a premiere of **Milton Barnes** Eyshet Chayil — A Woman of Valor, with tenor solo written for **Cantor Benjamin Maissner**.

Proceeds are for The Temple Elevator Fund to complete construction of an elevator to ensure seniors and the physically disabled easier access to services and programs in the 4-storey building.

Here is your opportunity to hear these artists and help add a special feature to the Temple.

Patron and sponsor ticket holders will attend a reception following the concert. Sponsor tickets are $250 a couple. General admission is $18 per person. For further ticket information contact **Desi**, Holy Blossom Temple, 789-3291.

HEALTH LECTURES

Cholesterol and Hardening of the Arteries will be explained by endocrinologist **Dr. George Steiner** and dietician **Kathy Camelon** at a meeting open to the public, in the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, 1003 Steeles Ave. W., 1.30 p.m., Thursday, April 23.

For additional information call **Randi Fine**, 225-2112.

For mothers, daughters, granddaughters, sisters, aunts and nieces — in cooperation with the North York Department of Public Health and the Canadian Cancer Society, a nurse will teach breast self-examination in total privacy. Doctors will be on hand to answer questions. Films and teaching aids will also be used.

This takes place 1-4 p.m., Sunday, April 26 at the Bernard Betel Centre, and is open to the community.

Call **Randi Fine**, 225-2112 to register. There is no charge.

ISRAELI AFFAIRS EVENING

National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, Toronto Section, will feature **Erika Biro**, world affairs specialist, **Sheila Freeman**, president, National Council of Jewish Women of Canada's Israel Family Counseling Association, and **Rabbi Moshe Stern**, of Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue.

The focus will be on how the Jewish family is coping with the daily political, social, economic and religious stresses ever present in Israel.

Plan to attend this informative evening on Thursday, April 23 at 7.15 p.m. in Council House, 4700 Bathurst St. Couvert is $2.50 per person and refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome. Bring a friend.

For more details call 633-5100.

DIABETES ASSOCIATION

Canadian Diabetes Association Toronto Branch Annual Meeting is scheduled for 8-10 p.m. Thursday, April 23 in Mt. Sinai Hospital Auditorium, 18th level, 600 University Ave.

Speaker is to be **George Bird**, Toronto Branch member and photographer/traveler, who will present East African Safari.

Refreshments will be served, and there will be exhibits of diabetes supplies. All are welcome.

LEARNING DISABLED AND THE LAW

North York and Scarborough Associations for Children and Adults with Learning Disabilities are offering a program on The Young Offender and Learning Disabilities, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 23 at the North York Board of Education, 5050 Yonge St.

Young persons with learning disabilities, while no more likely to break the law than anyone else, are more likely to be charged and convicted.

Come out and hear a panel of experts explore this serious issue as they look for reasons and answers to the problem.

Speakers will include **Judge James Felstiner**, Family Court, Province of Ontario; **Marie Irvine**, executive director, Justice for Children and **Sgt. John Little**, North York Youth Bureau.

Moderator is **David Muldoon**, president, Scarborough ACLD.

Admission is free and the public is welcome.

JEWISH ROOTS

Game show host Monty Hall spoke to Baycrest Terrace residents and their guests at a recent Purim celebration about his Jewish roots as well as his concern and efforts to preserve the Jewish race. Surrounding Monty are Esther Tator (left) and Carola Kahn.

SORBARA AT CJC MEETING

Gregory Sorbara, minister of colleges and universities, recently addressed a joint meeting of the regional executive and council of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region. From left to right: Joseph Cordiano, MPP Downsview; Charles Zaionz, chairman, Canadian Jewish Congress; Gregory Sorbara; Edmond Lipsitz, executive director, CJC.

TECHNOLOGICAL TRAINING

Harriet Morton, national president, Women's Canadian ORT, (right) receives a check for $61,600 from Barbara McDougall, minister of state (privatization) and minister responsible for the status of women. The grant will pay the salaries of three young people training for technological jobs as well as covering the cost of a computer.

AND WHAT ELSE IS NEW...

LIVING EXPERIENCE IN ISRAEL

Israel Aliyah Centre is introducing a B'nai B'rith summer vacation for young families with children ages 3 to 16, from July 1-31.

B'nai B'rith families will spend one month in Nahariya, a seaside resort town. Teenagers and adults volunteer in the Jewish National Fund forest and participate in archeological digs, as well as taking Hebrew classes and entering into discussions on Israel today. Day camp experience for pre-teens is available.

There are guided tours to Jerusalem, the Negev and the Galilee. Bar/bat mitzvah ceremonies can be arranged. There are also cultural activities planned for the evenings, and there will be opportunities to meet Israelis in your field of work, and B'nai B'rith counterparts.

For further information contact the Israel Aliyah Centre, 1111 Finch Ave. W., Suite 355, Downsview, Ont., M3J 2E5.

BETH ISRAEL, KINGSTON

This year over 50 synagogue tours (approximately 500 students and adults) will be given by Beth Israel Congregation's **Rabbi Howard Finkelstein**. Included are groups from the separate school boards of Kingston, Belleville and Trenton, plus cubs, guides and many others. These tours are planned to familiarize people with Jewish customs and traditions - to bring the synagogue closer to the Greater Kingston and area community.

Las Vegas Night on Saturday, April 25, chaired by **Arnold Palmer**, is this year's major fund raising event at Beth Israel. Grand prize is a trip to Las Vegas, courtesy of Nonquon Vacations and The Travel Connection. There will also be free food and door prizes, as well as $5 in gambling chips.

Come one, come all, and make this Las Vegas Night the best in the congregation's history!

The grand opening of the mikvah is announced. Women's hours are evenings, by appointment only. Tours are available by appointment, or, drop into the synagogue. Private classes are available for men and women. Call (613)542-5012 for your private class. All calls are confidential.

STUDENTS' NETWORK CONFERENCE

The North American Jewish Students' Network National Conference will be held in Toronto during the Victoria Day weekend, May 14-18, with speakers from around the world.

For more information call Network at 783-1165.

AVIVA ART SHOW

Aviva Art Show, an annual exhibition of contemporary Canadian paintings, sculpture, and graphics, now in its 35th year, continues until Saturday, April 25 at Simpson's Arcadian Court (Queen St.).

On April 25, from 7 until 8.15 p.m., there will be a wine reception in honor of the 35th anniversary.

Silent auction of art works starts at 7 that night, and the auction follows at 8.15 p.m.

Door prize is a marble sculpture by **Betty Beckerman**.

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Admission for April 25 is $10 per person. For tickets call 783-8381 or 926-0300.

FOR ISRAELIS 55 AND OVER

Canadian Israeli Club Aluma invites you to join the new Wednesday afternoon program for Israelis 55 years of age and over, who enjoy socializing and good Hebrew conversation.

This takes place 2-3 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge of the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave.

To inquire further call **Shelley Dunkelman**, 789-5131, ext. 2273 (days) or **Ephraim Dloomy** 631-7546 (evenings).

Refreshments will be served.

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When you think about flowers or plants for any occasion, remember Toronto Women's ORT.

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Call 224-1711, or drop in at 23 Drewry Ave.

VANCOUVER NEWS

The 4th Annual Showcase of Canadian Jewish Writers is slated for Wednesday, April 29 and Thursday, April 30 at the Jewish Community Centre in Vancouver.

Join in for two days packed with readings by visiting authors, workshops, exciting children's events and a huge Judaica book sale. Babysitting is available for all daytime events.

Program highlights include An Evening of Mystery with **Howard Engel**, 8 p.m., April 29; the Literary Luncheon with **Henry Kreisel**, at noon on April 30 (advance reservations recommended); and an Evening of Readings with **Lilly Barnes, Marion Andre Czerniecki** and **Peter Eliot Weiss**, April 30 at 8 p.m.

The Showcase of Canadian Jewish Writers is sponsored by the JCC, National Book Festival, Canadian Jewish Congress and Congregations Beth Israel and Schara Tzedeck. Everyone is welcome.

For further information call 266-9111.

FOR THE RECENTLY WIDOWED

Taylor Place Senior Adult Centre, 1 Overland Dr., Don Mills, offers a series of seminars free of charge, for the recently widowed, at 2 p.m. on the following Mondays: April 27, Understanding and Working Through Your Feelings of Grief; May 4, Investments and Legal Matters; May 11, Eat Well, Feel Well.

For additional information and to RSVP, call **Mrs. R. Branigan**, 447-7244.

SHOAH AT THE LIBRARY

Shoah, the monumental Holocaust documentary film, will be shown at the Albert J. Latner Jewish Public Library in the Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St., in four weekly segments on a theatre size screen, 8 p.m., Tuesdays, May 5, 12, 19 and 26.

Each segment will be followed by commentary and discussion.

There is no charge but you must RSVP to the library, your intention of attending the series. Phone 635-2996, Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday and Tuesday, 10.30-6.30, Thursday, noon-8 p.m, Friday, 9-5.

SENECA'S FASHION 87

Fashion 87, which promotes the talents of Seneca College graduating students, is set for 8.30 p.m. Monday, April 27 at the Premiere Dance Theatre in the former Terminal Building at Queen's Quay.

In response to the demand from industry, Seneca now has a complete menswear program including tailoring, and focus for this year's show will be on both mens' and womens' wear.

Coordinator for the production is **David Wickstrom**, creative director of the Limelight Club in New York.

For tickets, $15 each, call 491-5050.

CHRISTIANS AND JEWS

Canadian Council of Christians and Jews 40th Anniversary Banquet takes place 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 28 in the Sheraton Centre. For tickets phone CCCJ, 364-3101.

LIBRARIES CLOSING

Here is a reminder that public service at some North York Public Library outlets will be temporarily interrupted in order to facilitate the moving of materials and equipment to the new Central Library at 5120 Yonge St., beside City Hall.

Please note the revised closing date for Community Services listed below.

The branches and departments affected are: Central Library, 74 Sheppard Ave. W., closed now; Canadiana Collection, 35 Fairview Mall Dr., closed now; Yonge-Sheppard Centre, 4841 Yonge St., from Thursday, April 23; Community Services Audio Visual Services, 5145 Yonge St., from Thursday, April 23.

Public service will resume early in May , followed by official opening ceremonies on June 4 at 7.30 p.m.

Library materials may be returned to any branch of the North York Public Library while Central Library is closed.

FRENCH IMMERSION MEETING

North York Board of Education will hold a community meeting to discuss French Immersion at the Middle School level, 8.30 p.m. Thursday, April 30 in Willowdale Middle School, 225 Senlac Rd.

Community residents are invited to attend.

Call 225-4661, ext. 293 for more information.

YOM HASHOA SERVICE

The Secular Jewish Association presents its annual Holocaust Memorial Service, with poetic, musical and choral tributes, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at the Jewish Community Centre, North/East Valley Branch, 7015 Leslie St.

The Medina Theatre Ensemble will give a concert reading of **Marion Andre's** The Sand — World War II events as seen through the eyes of a young boy — directed by **Ben Lennick**. A discussion of the play will follow the performance.

Admission is $5 for JCC members, $7, nonmembers, SJA members, compliments of holiday committee.

Tickets are limited and reservations necessary. Phone the box office, **Sheila Katz**, 223-3081 or **Eva Goldfinger**, 889-7450. Visa or MasterCard are accepted.

JEWISH DISTRESS LINE

Are you lonely? Do you feel boxed in? Tel-Aide, the Jewish Distress line volunteers are available to listen. Tel-Aide listeners have all taken an extensive training course, and are well qualified to listen.

Please call 636-9610 Monday-Thursday, 9.30 a.m. until 10 p.m.; 'til 3 p.m. Fridays; starting at 1 p.m Sundays.

Tel-Aide is a call-in service only, and is sponsored by Toronto Jewish Congress.

SHAAREH HAIM ADULT EDUCATION

Monday, April 23, Shaareh Haim Synagogue will start its spring Adult Education course at the McConaghy Centre, 10100 Yonge St. (just north of Major Mackenzie Dr.) in Richmond Hill.

The course is a viewing of the series Heritage: Civilization and the Jews, narrated by **Abba Eban**. Each program will be followed by a lecture and discussion led by **Rabbi Lawrence Troster**.

The 9-week course begins at 8 p.m. and concludes at 10 p.m. Cost is $15 per person. Registration will be held at the first session.

For further information call Rabbi Troster at 737-3080.

NCJW ART AUCTION

Works of over 100 artists from all over the world will be on display at the Downsview Study Branch, National Council of Jewish Women Art Auction, Sunday, April 26 in the North York Board of Education Building, 5050 Yonge St. in Willowdale.

Preview is at 7 p.m., auction at 8.

Admission is $3, two for $5, and there will be refreshments and door prizes. To be eligible for the door prize, donated by Art Ampersand, you must be present at the time of the draw.

SHAAREI-BETH EL, OAKVILLE

Shaarei Beth-El Congregation in Oakville will have a booth at the Hopedale Mall Charity Bazaar on Wednesday, May 20, and has already donated a large quantity of new toys. A sale of baked goods is also planned and members are urged to start baking.

Helpers will be needed to operate the booth during the day.

You are urged to offer your generous support, and if you have other saleable articles in good condition to donate, please contact **Esther Miller**, 845-2643 or **Liz Manson**, 844-0559.

HUMANE SOCIETY HALF-PRICE SALE

The Auxiliary of the North York Branch of the Ontario Humane Society is having its annual Half-Price Cottage and Drapery Sale at the Thrift Shop, 300 Wilson Ave. (just west of Bathurst St.), 10 a.m.-4 p.m., April 25.

Total proceeds from this sale will be used to care for animals at the shelter in North York.

HEBREW AT HOLY BLOSSOM

Is there a trip to Israel in your future? Holy Blossom Temple offers a spring Adult Hebrew course to help you enjoy your trip more.

The 6-week course, taught by **Yael Lew**, includes reading, writing and emphasis on conversation. It is designed for people who have had a little experience with Hebrew conversation.

Trip to Israel — Modern Hebrew for Advanced Beginners — starts Wednesday, April 22. An additional course, Learn to Read Hebrew — Review and Reading Practice — begins Tuesday, April 28.

Courses are held at Holy Blossom, 8-9.30 p.m. Fees are $36 plus text.

To inquire further or to register, call the Religious School office, 789-3297.

for seniors

Learn how to show the beauty that comes with age, at a demonstration by the Toronto Hairstyling School. This takes place 2 p.m. Thursday, April 23 at the Bloor "Y", (corner of Spadina).

Express Yourself! A new drama group is starting at the Bloor "Y". It begins 1 p.m., Tuesday, April 28 in the Main Lounge. Newcomers are welcome.

Holy Blossom Temple Alumni invite you to join them at 1.30 p.m., Wednesday, April 22, to hear **Irene Fink** discuss Chain of Voices, writings by **Andre Brink** on South Africa today.

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Friendship Club welcomes you to a general meeting in the shul, 100 Elder St., 1.30 p.m. Sunday, April 26. Refreshments will be served. Cost to members is $1, visitors, $2. Come and enjoy! For more information call **Bess**, 783-3206.

Creative Musical Variety Show from the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, directed by pianist **Elaine Duff**, assisted by **Anne Sussman**, announces the following performances for April: 1.30 p.m., Wednesday, April 22 at the Centre in the auditorium, 1003 Steeles Ave. W. (just west of Bathurst); 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 30, Promenade Mall, Bathurst St. near Highway 7. The group rehearses every Wednesday at the Bernard Betel Centre, 10-11.30 a.m. Doors are open and all are welcome to join the fun. For additional details call 222-0655 or 222-7422.

LZA Seniors Club meets daily at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave., noon-4 p.m. Light lunches are available. Members have an afternoon of chess, shuffleboard and cards. On Wednesday, April 22 at 11.30 a.m., there will be a members only luncheon when plans for the summer, including excursions and trips, will be considered.

Every Tuesday morning at 10 a.m., LZA Seniors Cultural Club gathers to discuss a topic of current interest.

LZA Seniors Club regrets that the Third Seder planned for April 18, has been cancelled. Please note that the club will be closed April 14 and 15, 20 and 21. LZA wishes everyone a happy and kosher Pesach.

The Wagman Centre Self-Help Widows Program a non-sectarian, free supportive service open to women 55-70 years of age, widowed less than two years, meets every second Sunday 12.30-2 p.m. in the Lipa and Fanny Green Library, 55 Ameer Ave. Group coordinator **Helen Brown** will extend a warm welcome.

The Wagman Centre program for women 70 years of age and over, widowed less than two years, meets every second Monday, 1.30-3 p.m. in the Conference Room, 55 Ameer Ave.

There is also a group for widowers, 55 years of age and over.

Membership in the Wagman Centre is not necessary.

For more specific information, dates of meetings, etc., on widows' and widowers' groups, phone the Joseph E. and Minnie Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave., 789-5131, local 2271, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

A reading by the **Wagman Centre Creative Writing Group**, is scheduled for 10.30 a.m.-noon in the Fireside Lounge, Thursday, April 23. Come and enjoy the memoirs and stories written by these talented people.

Pillar of Fire, The History of Israel's Rebirth, a Thursday evening video series presented by **Monty Robbins**, executive director, Canadian Zionist Federation Central Region, continues with The Silver Platter (1947-48), 7.30-9 p.m., in the Fireside Lounge. On April 23, 7.30-9 p.m., the segment will be, We Hereby Proclaim the Establishment of the State of Israel. Discussion follows each video.

The Joy of Theatre play for April 30 is **David Pownell's** Master Class, at Theatre Plus, St. Lawrence Centre, 49 Front St. E. Cost is $11.25 per person and curtain time is 7.30 p.m. Inquire at the Wagman Centre desk for additional information.

60 and Holding, an ongoing nutrition counseling and weight reduction program at the Wagman Centre, begins two 10-week sessions 7.30 p.m., Monday, April 27 and 9.30 a.m. Tuesday, April 28. Geared to men and women 55 years of age and over, it is led by a professional dietitian. The program includes lectures, weigh-in, cooking advice, optional fitness testing and body measurement.

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OTTAWA FIELD TRIP

Grade 8 students from United Synagogue Day School Junior High went on a recent field trip to Ottawa. From left to right: Paul Sharpe, Matthew Cravit and Jason Tanny.

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Weekly sessions are held during the day and evening. Medical authorization is required for participation. Cost, $30 to Wagman Centre members, $40, non-members, is kept as low as possible for this non-profit program. For more information, phone 789-5131. ext. 2271. To register, apply in person at the Wagman Centre.

Wagman Centre members Continuing Education Committee, in cooperation with the North York Board of Education offers Continuing Education Courses in Drawing and Painting; The Bible: Its Modern Validity; Creative Writing; Greenhouse, Grow With Oscar; Bridge Instruction Beginners II; Book Discussion Group; Cooking for One or Two (men and women welcome). For more specific details, dates, time, instructors, etc., phone 789-5131, ext. 2271. Register for these courses as soon as possible as class space is limited. To register, a North York Board of Education form must be filled out in person at the Wagman Centre office, 55 Ameer Ave. Fees for persons under 65 years of age are $20 for 10 sessions, 65 and over, free.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

The Friendship Circle for People 55 and Over and On Their Own, will meet on Thursday, April 23 at 7 p.m. in the Music Room. A nostalgic film, The Gay Divorcee, starring **Fred Astaire** and **Ginger Rogers**, will be shown. This is for members only. Admission, including refreshments, is $1 per person. For further information phone **Joy Friedman**, 225-2112.

Enjoy Bernard Betel's very own Creative Musical Variety Show 1.30 p.m. Wednesday, April 22. Cost is $1.25 for members, $1.75, non-members.

The movie, Karate Kid II, will be screened 2 p.m., Sunday, April 19. Admission is 50c for members, $1, non-members.

Come and join **Rabbi Sharonyi** in a lively discussion on the rituals and traditions of Passover, 1.30-2.30 p.m., Friday, April 17. Cake and coffee will be served. This is for members only. Cost is $1.25.

singles

For singles information, please see the Singles section in the classified ads.

at the jcc

The sun always shines for you at the **JCC North/East Valley Tennis and Swim Club**, 7015 Leslie St. You are cordially invited to the annual Open House, Registration and Art Show, 12-4 p.m., Sunday, April 26. Spend a relaxing afternoon listening to the mellow sounds of harp, flute and cello, by the Divertimento Trio, and view works by the renowned Israeli artist, **Amram Ebgi**. Tours of the beautiful facility will be available, plus tennis demonstrations. Don't miss this opportunity to visit the JCC Valley! Refreshments will be served. Registration for children's summer programs will be accepted. For more information call **Jodi, Rosie** or **Michael** at 889-0813.

JCC North/East Valley is having a Video Night Drop-In at the Valley, 7015 Leslie St., 8.30 p.m., Saturday, April 18. Enjoy a great movie, The Gods Must Be Crazy and socialize afterward. Refreshments will be available. Cost for members with cards is $3, non-members, $5. For additional information call **Sally**, 889-0813 or **Fran**, 731-5664.

There will be a **Singles Support** gathering at the Valley, 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 22, speaker to be announced. Cost is $2 for members, $4, non-members. Phone **Sally**, 789-0813 to inquire further.

Koffler Centre School of Dance, plans a special 8-session program, Jazz Dance and Fitness — Speaking Body Language with **George Randolph** — which begins at the JCC, 4588 Bathurst St. Studio 201, 9.30-11 a.m., Wednesday, April 22. There is a free introductory class and you may get your complimentary pass before the class. No latecomers please. Phone 636-1880, ext. 261 for details.

About People

FORRESTER RECEIVES BBW AWARD

The B'nai B'rith Women of Canada Achievement Award will be presented to distinguished Canadian contralto **Maureen Forrester**, at the opening banquet of the organization's annual convention in the Ramada Rennaisance Hotel, Sunday evening, May 3.

Maureen Forrester

Forrester, who has appeared with orchestras throughout the world, has given many benefit concerts to aid philanthropies in Israel and Canada. She is chairman of the Canadian Council and has been the recipient of numerous honors including the Companion of the Order of Canada, which she received in 1967, the year it was created — the first artist to be so honored.

"It is with pride that B'nai B'rith Women of Canada present this award to an outstanding Canadian, Maureen Forrester," announced tribute chairman **Lucille Bensky**.

Jean Pigott is first woman to be given BB Merit Award

OTTAWA — Jean Pigott was presented with B'nai B'rith Canada's Award of Merit recently at a dinner at the Westin Hotel here.

Pigott, the first woman to be chosen for the award, was selected for her "tremendous contribution to both the public and private sector of Canadian society."

The ex-parliamentarian, who is the 9th chairman of the National Capital Commission, served as a board member of Carleton University as as chairman of the Ottawa General Hospital Foundation for Medical Research.

Jean Pigott

Chairmen of the dinner were Pierre Menard, chairman and director-general of the Regional Council of Ottawa, and Wesley Nicol, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of The Tartan Group Inc.

John Laschinger, president of John Laschinger Management Inc., was endowment chairman. The endowments that are established in Pigott's honor will help fund BB's programs.

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Values conflict cited

By
GAYE LEFEBVRE

TORONTO —
The problems of intermarriage and assimilation among Jews is a "conflict of values" with no simple resolution, says a Toronto rabbi.

Rabbi Shimon Apisdorf, an instructor at the Aish HaTorah College, says one side of the conflict involves the value of Judaism and perpetuating the existence of the Jewish people, the other has to do with the value of love and human relationships.

Apisdorf spoke recently at a program on how to prevent intermarriage sponsored by the Association for Jewish Survival, an organization formed to address the problem of intermarriage.

"There are no hard statistics on the rate of intermarriage," said Apisdorf, but he feels the issue is reaching crisis proportions.

Show love and care

In coping with the intermarriage of a son or daughter, parents must "examine their own commitment," said the rabbi. "We cannot transmit more than what we ourelves have."

Apisdorf advised anyone concerned about a friend or family member intermarrying to tell him or her to "clarify what they are opting out from and to make an informed choice — for themselves not for anyone else." But most important, he said, is to communicate love and care for the person.

Parents who oppose intermarriage must understand that they are saying to their son or daughter: "Turn your back on this love and endure the pain and future uncertainty of finding another person," said Apisdorf.

Children must be taught that Jewish strength comes from a self-perception that "we are a people with a mission, a destiny and a special relationship with God," said Apisdorf.

In this we are failing our children, explained Apisdorf. Jewish education deals too much with the "what" — the techniques of Judaism — and not enough with the "why" — the meaning of Judaism.

Even though a Jewish education seems to instil a strong commitment to Judaism, intermarriage also occurs among those raised in observant and affiliated families among whom Judaism is an integral part of their life." This "makes us very nervous," said Apisdorf.

"It seems like it's luck," he said. "You do everything you can and in the end you throw up the cards and hope they land right."

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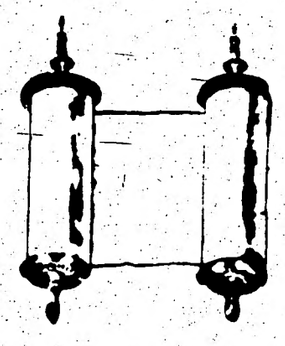

sparks from the torah

By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Song of Songs / Passover 5747

It''s not easy being a Jew — you have to be clever.

A beggar approached a wealthy man and asked for a handout — he had a daughter who was single and he had no money to make a wedding. The man was moved and gave a generous sum.

Later he found out that the ''single'' daughter had passed away years before. He confronted the beggar and demanded to know why he had fooled him.

Answered the beggar: ''And if my daughter passed away, who should inherit her fortune — you or I? By rights it belongs to me . . .''

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Why is the Jewish people compared to a dove?

Strange, a dove. A dove is a *yonah*, a harmless, sweet, innocent bird. It minds its own business. It just tries to build its nest, and raise its family. It doesn't hassle anyone.

Every bird preys on a dove. A dove is the eternal victim. It has no talons, no large, sharp beak. It is not swift, it is not fierce.

Quiet little bird — and everyone brutalizes and tortures it!

But . . . the innocent little dove is cursed with a second name. It is known as a . . . *gozel?* Gozel? Like *gazlan*, a thief. The innocent dove, the most victimized of all the birds, the one who just wants to be left alone . . . is called thief! Crook! You're taking from us!

The rabbis called this world an *alma dishikra* — a world of lies, a lying world.

The Jewish people are the victims of every antisemite, every dictator who needs a scapegoat. The Jews. They are called the gozel, the thief . . .

* * *

The Jewish people is compared to a dove. Why?

Every bird, when it grows tired, rests on a stone, on a branch. It lays down its tired wings, rests its legs.

Not a dove. Teach our rabbis: when a dove rests, it rests just one wing — but continues flapping with the other! Why? It can't afford to rest quietly. Suddenly, unawares, a new enemy will come pouncing upon it.

So also the Jewish people. We rest. We prosper. But still a little wing keeps fluttering. We cannot sleep with both eyes shut . . . lest, suddenly, swoop down a new anti-semite, a new Hitler.

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How can we prevent more suffering? There are no guarantees. But it says in the verse: "Ani lidodee vidoee lee . . . I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine . . ." Explains the Chidushay Hareem: When we are God's, we follow his commands — then He belongs to us and blesses us . . ."

May peace, freedom and redemption come to all the world quickly, amen! Shabbat Shalom and Chag Sameach!

Guest speaker at Yom Hashoa observance

Survivor emotes in poetry, song

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —

A child survivor who tells her story in poetry and song and who has just published a book for children about her experiences during the Holocaust will be the guest speaker at the annual Yom Hashoa observance here at 8 p.m. Sunday, April 26 at JCC West, 100 Macklin St.

Inge Auerbacher was one of only 100 children who survived of the 15,000 that were imprisoned in the Theresienstadt concentration camp.

Her first book, I Am a Star — Child of the Holocaust, has just been published by Simon & Schuster. She has also published over 50 poems, of which several have been set to music.

Her song, We Shall Never Forget, was performed at the 1981 World Gathering of Holocaust Survivors in Israel, and Zachor (Remember), set to music by Cantor Sol Zim of the Hollis Hills Jewish Center of Queens, was sung at the American Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors in Washington in 1983.

She comes to Hamilton at the invitation of Nadia Rosa, also a child survivor of Theresienstadt, and secretary of the Hamilton Yom Hashoah Committee.

Born in Kippenheim, Germany, Auerbacher was 7 years old in August, 1942, when she and her parents were deported to Terezin. Of the 1,200 persons on that transport, they were among the only 13 who survived.

Inge Auerbacher

On May 8, 1945 the family was liberated. Ten-year old Inge had just watched a German guard throw a hand grenade at the Jews before fleeing. ''I remember putting my hand to my head to see if it was still on after the grenade exploded. My head was on.

"Then my father came and said we'd better run into a cellar because there would be some shooting. I grabbed my prayer book. My father had found it in the garbage, left by someone who had been shipped to Auschwitz. We went into the cellar. When we came up Soviet soldiers were in the camp."

By then, gas chambers were already being built at the camp and ''we would not have lasted much longer,'' Elenore Lester quotes Auerbacher in an April, 1984 issue of The Jewish Week.

They survived mainly because her father, as a disabled war veteran who had fought for the Germans in World War I, had managed to avoid deportation to the east.

He became a scavenger who searched garbage dumps in search of potato peelings, rotten turnips and "if extra lucky, finding previously boiled horse bones to be cooked again for the extraction of any leftover fat and gristle."

Her mother washed laundry from typhoid patients before becoming a nurse in the ''old people's hospital,'' where she often worked the night shift for an extra ration of bread.

The Auerbachers have lived in New York since their arrival there in 1946. Inge Auerbacher has done graduate work in biochemistry and is head of the coagulation laboratory for Mt. Sinai Services at Elmhurst General Hospital in Queens.

Also taking part in the program will be a class from each of the three Hamilton Jewish schools; Rabbi Morton Green of Adas Israel Synagogue, Rabbi Bernard Baskin of Temple Anshe Sholom, and Rabbi Israel Silverman and Cantor David Bercovici of Beth Jacob congregation.

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Organizations and People

No longer used for extortion

Amendment solves many problems with gets

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —

The very fact that the Ontario Family Law Act has been amended to prevent a get (Jewish bill of divorce) from being used as a means of extortion has put an end to many of the problems that used to occur, lawyer John Syrtash told a recent symposium on Jewish divorce.

Syrtash, who along with the Toronto Committee on Get, the Toronto Vaad HaRabbonim, B'nai B'rith and other Jewish organizations, was involved in the process to get the law amended, explained that it works in two ways.

Firstly, if a get has been used to extort custody or property rights or money, the court can undo the entire separation agreement.

Secondly, if a person applies to the court for any reason relating to marriage dissolution, the court can refuse to hear the case if he or she has not "removed any impediment to the spouse's remarriage."

This is not a religious matter, Syrtash stressed. "It is a matter of a person's civil rights to remarry being affected."

The law has proved so useful since its inception in March 1986, that inquiries have come in from all over the world.

The problem, according to Syrtash, is that it is only effective if there are property or support claims being made. If there is only the civil divorce involved, which is a federal responsibility, there is no relief under the Ontario Family Law Act.

For this reason, Syrtash is fighting to amend the federal divorce act in a similar manner. He has support from all political parties and all segments of the Jewish community, but encouraged the audience to write letters of support to federal Justice Minister Ray Hnatyshyn and to their MP.

Rabbi Joseph Kelman said that the get was instituted to help women. "At a time when women were considered pieces of property, Jewish law said that they could not be divorced either on a whim or against their will."

The rabbis have always tried, and are still trying, to assist those unable to obtain a Jewish divorce, Kelman stressed. "There must be enough machinery to force compliance "while still maintaining the halachic process, since those Jews who have survived over the centuries are those who kept the Torah."

He warned that there will be a serious schism among the Jewish people if some try to overcome the difficulties by declaring that halacha is no longer in place.

Kelman had especially strong words for those he called "quack rabbis," who, by issuing false divorces and performing invalid marriages "cause tremendous harm to the whole community."

The fault is not that of legitimate rabbis of whatever branch of Judaism, or of the organized Jewish community, he asserted. "If people didn't go to them, they could not perpetuate their fraud."

Devorah Danziger, who worked with Syrtash in the process to amend the Ontario law, spoke about the work of the Toronto Committee on Get in creating public awareness of the need for a get, and in supporting people having difficulty in obtaining one.

She urged rabbis to work for a halachic solution to the difficulties, and encouraged marriage counselors, schools, communal organizations and rabbis to educate people both about the need for a religious divorce when getting a civil one, and of the immorality of refusing to give or receive a get.

"It troubles me that men who are refusing their wives the right to get on with their lives and remarry are being elected presidents of organizations and getting aliyas in shul." Danziger believes that these men should be ostracized.

A lively question period followed, during which all the panelists and moderator Norma Rubin stressed the need for education and community involvement and support.

The symposium, sponsored by the Ontario Branch Women's League for Conservative Judaism and B'nai B'rith Women Canada, was held at Adath Sholom Synagogue in Downsview.

Making shopping easier

Seniors now strong buyers

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —

Far from being disadvantaged, a majority of today's senior citizens are active, healthy and enjoy large disposable incomes.

According to Patricia Moore, a New York-based gerontologist and industrial designer, many are starting to stand up for their rights including the right to be realistically portrayed by a society which fears aging.

Moore was the keynote speaker at the recent Top of the Market Workshop cosponsored by Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care and the Ontario ministry of social services.

The workshop, originally developed at Baycrest Centre was intended to educate marketers such as large corporations, advertising agencies and financial institutions on how to market to persons over 50 years of age.

Moore is president of Moore and Associates, a company that develops products, environments, services and marketing strategies for consumers over 50 years old and those with special sensory-support needs.

For a period of three years, from 1979 to 1982, Moore traveled throughout North America disguised as an 85-year-old woman in such a way as to simulate the sensory and mobility experiences associated with the elderly. As a result, she was able to respond to people, products and environments from a senior citizen's point of view.

"As we grow older our body changes and doesn't always do what we want it to do," Moore said, "Simple things such as shopping could become a difficult task."

She said that bottle labels may be printed in print too small to read by someone with failing eyesight. "And if the bottle is on the bottom shelf of a display case how can a person with bad arthritis bend down and pick it up?"

Moore said that products have to be designed to be easier to use. "We need products that able, not disable," said Moore.

Using the example of coffee cups, she asked why cups can't be designed with large handles for those with less dexterity. "Why can't we design a cup to accommodate the consumer," she asked.

She added that tamper resistant medicine bottles may be child-proof but are difficult for the elderly to manoeuver."

Moore said that "people are people and all people are consumers. Each must be included in marketing strategies," she said.

Moore noted that many people feel the pressure to look a certain way in order to be accepted. "The cosmetic industry does not allow people to be at their best age. They place far too much emphasis on de-aging, and use only young people in their ads. Ads should be balanced, using people of all ages.

She added that it is about time that the fashion industry began to realize that all ages and faces are beautiful.

She told the workshop that people over 50 buy everything so be careful not to market certain products to younger people only. "Those over 50 buy sportscars and bluejeans," said Moore.

She said that all ads should depict people at their best and feeling their best. "If you are going to use an elderly woman in your ad don't depict her as a stooped old lady dressed in black and gossiping with her cronies."

Moore said that life should be shown at its fullest so that the elderly can be seen as "people who have led long, useful lives."

Solidarity seder planned

By
WENDY ROSEN

TORONTO —

Jewish and non-Jewish clergy as well as Soviet Jewry activists will participate April 22 in Beth Tzedec Synagogue's ceremonial third seder to demonstrate solidarity with Soviet Jews.

More than 200 are expected to attend the event which was the brainchild of Rabbi Benjamin Friedberg and the Soviet Jewry Committee, which is chaired by Max Milstone and Genya Intrator.

Elke Beigel, committee publicity coordinator, said that although Passover is finished by then, "we are conscious of the fact that though there are only two prisoners in jail, all jails don't have bars. Soviet Jews not allowed to emigrate are being held there against their will."

She said that new meaning will be given to the traditional seder items. For instance, matzoh will represent hope and freedom.

"The matzoh traditionally is a reminder of the time of enslavement. Now we look at matzoh as a hope that the Jews in the Soviet Union who are unable to get it there now will one day be able to partake of it."

Keynote speaker will be Yoram Dinstein, a professor of international law and Yanowicz professor of human rights at Tel Aviv University now on an academic sabbatical at New York University.

Dinstein, who served on a United Nations commission of human rights, will discuss human rights in relation to Soviet-Canadian relations.

The seder will also include a telephone call to Hebrew teacher Boris Kelman of Leningrad, whose family the synagogue recently adopted. Kelman is married with two children and has been refused more than 10 years.

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Community Mission to Israel draws large group

By
ESTHER MEHR

TORONTO —
The inaugural Community Mission, organized under auspices of Toronto Jewish Congress/United Jewish Appeal, and led by TJC president Ronald Appleby, attracted one of the largest contingents ever to go to Israel from Toronto.

The 152 participants ranged in age from mid-20s all the way up to octogenerian Irving Green, who was accompanied by his son and daughter-in-law.

For many it was their first trip to the Jewish state and what they saw and experienced during an action-packed 10 days of traveling the length and breadth of Israel, was, as one mission member put it, "totally beyond all my expectations."

Each day of highlights was followed by another and yet another. Appleby told the participants at a meeting just prior to their departure on March 23 that this mission would be a "unique and unforgettable experience which would not be repeated for at least ten years." He did not exaggerate.

The whole undertaking took a full year of detailed planning between Toronto and Keren Hayesod in Israel. The result was a remarkably smooth operation from start to finish.

Just about every aspect of life in Israel was touched on beginning with historic Jerusalem where the large group was officially welcomed at the Citadel by former Israel consul-general to Toronto, Shmuel Ovnat.

They experienced one-on-one encounters as the guests of families in four communities near the Lebanese border; where the constant threat of attack is a daily fact of life.

They were addressed by leading government officials on a number of occasions and by the military at a tank base in the south and the naval base at Ashdod where the group was divided in two and treated to a rare experience — sailing around the perimeter of the base on landing craft.

One of the memorable experiences was a study in contrasts as the mission visited Toronto UJA's most recent Project Renewal twin, the community of Kfar Gvirol, for a ground-breaking ceremony for the soon - to - be - constructed Early Childhood Centre building, with Canada's ambassador to Israel, James K. Bartleman, and the mayor of Rehovot officiating.

From the depressed area of Kfar Gvirol, the group went on to Beit Dagan, Toronto's Project Renewal success story. From the swimming pool, community centre and dental clinic to the day care centre, Toronto's partnership role was clearly apparent. Even more apparent was the newfound pride and warm appreciation of the residents who treated the mission to an evening of entertainment and buffet supper.

Not to be forgotten were the beautiful faces of the children at the Ethiopian absorption centre in Safed as they awaited the arrival of the mission and surged forward to greet the visitors.

By the time it all came to an end at the closing dinner, many new friendships were forged, tears were shed and it was unanimously agreed that the TJC/UJA Inaugural Community Mission will stand as the high watermark of missions for many years to come.

Seminar held in Kitchener

Jewish educators hold talks

KITCHENER, Ont. —
Some 100 Jewish educators from across the province, local dignitaries and school officials met here recently for the 16th Regional Conference on Jewish Education.

The 1-day seminar, (held in a different community each year), provided participants with "a friendly atmosphere...in which we came together for a sacred purpose," says Rabbi Philip Rosensweig of Kitchener's Congregation Beth Jacob, the host organization.

Highlights of the conference, sponsored by Canadian Jewish Congress Ontario Region's department of education and culture, included: an address by Bernard Shapiro, deputy minister of education on Sensitizing the Education Community to Religious Tolerance; and Rabbi Irwin Witty on Setting Priorities and Policies for Jewish Education.

The program also included a model class taught by Beth Jacob Talmud Torah principal, Avram Fisher, on tzedakah; and several workshops on communicating with kids, and getting them interested in Judaism to ensure the transmission of Jewish values.

Specific problems discussed

"The workshops," says Rabbi Rosensweig, "were very pragmatic, dealing with specific problems the educator, parent and activist in the field would deal with on a daily basis and on a high intellectual plane."

Special guests at the conference from the local community included Kitchener Mayor Dominic Cardillo, chairman of the Waterloo County Board of Education Elizabeth Witmer, and other members of the board.

Rosensweig invited the local dignitaries because, he says, he thought they would be interested in Shapiro's general remarks, and to continue the ongoing policy of maintaining communication with the board.

The Waterloo County board has been embroiled in a controversy over teaching the Merchant of Venice in its schools. The Jewish community has requested that the play be taught only in the higher grades and by teachers sensitized to Jewish concerns about anti-semitism. A decision in the matter is still pending.

Rosensweig says that in contact between the community and the board, "we're finding listening ears and people who are very cooperative."

In his summation to the conference remarks, Rosensweig emphasized the positive aspects of bringing together Jews of different ideologies and commitments in pursuit of Jewish survival.

He stressed that a major goal for the future will be to attract parents and children who are outside the education system.

"We dare not neglect them and this must be a very important part of our agenda in the future."

It is crucial for educators to have no illusions about "the importance of adults and parents in the education of their children," said Rosensweig.

Children whose parents are involved in Jewish life and pursue an educational program themselves, are kids who are more apt to receive greater benefit from their education, said Rosensweig.

"Parents will have to come into the system. They will have to be educated and make a commitment."

She'arim plans 2nd symposium

TORONTO —
Fostering autonomy among youngsters with learning problems will be a focus of She'arim Hebrew Day School's 2nd annual symposium on learning problems, Sunday, May 3, 9.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. at the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living. It is aimed at parents and teachers.

The challenges of developing autonomy will be presented in the symposium's afternoon session, beginning 1.15 p.m., by **Catherine Smith,** program supervisor of the Chisholm Education Centre.

At 10 a.m., **Dr. Wendy Roberts,** developmental pediatrics coordinator at Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children, will discuss factors in early childhood that affect development.

Growth counselor **Mal Pyper** will present *"Survival Strategies for Home and School,"* beginning 11.15 a.m.

A film on She'arim will be screened at lunch time, beginning at 12.30 p.m.

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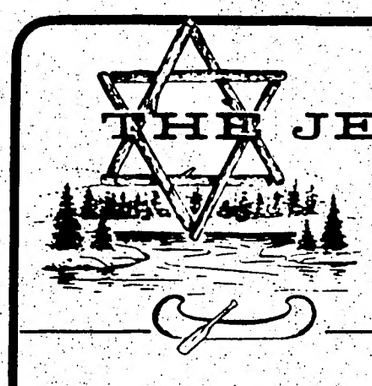

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A "fascinating" business for Oshawa Group chief

Ray Wolfe named Canadian Retailer of the Year

TORONTO —

There's no business like show and sell business with good service at its core, according to the recent recipient of the 1987 Canadian Retailer of the Year award.

Ray Wolfe, chairman and chief executive officer of The Oshawa Group Ltd., described retailing as "fascinating," providing its practitioners "with excitement, adventure and romance as they present their audience with the many things it seeks in its pursuit of happiness and the sustenance of life."

Wolfe was addressing the annual convention of the Retail Council of Canada, in accepting its award.

Retailing, he said, has also provided a refuge for immigrants fleeing persecution and a medium for the expression of mankind's constructive instincts.

Despite today's mechanical and electronic sophistication, it is still "the work ethic and the joy of selling that bring storekeeper and customer into mutually satisfying contact.

"The marketplace has historically been the centre around which human habitation was organized," he said. "It provided the fairgrounds to which the citizenry came for entertainment and the public place where they voiced their opinions and expectations. It has been the vital, bustling centre of community life."

Provided high drama

In his own lifelong career, business has provided him with "high drama and compressed meaning, the essence of the poetic experience," said Wolfe.

He listed Lord and Taylor, Gimbels, Macy's, the T. Eaton Co., and Nieman-Marcus, as a handful among the many businesses started by refugees from oppression and want. "It has been noted that the German kaiser and the czar of all the Russias were together responsible for the making of more merchants than the Harvard School of Business," he said. "If refugees had to first make their way peddling amid the snows of Canada or the humid parishes of Louisiana, they preferred their new freedom to the opportunities offered by Prussian authoritarianism and the brutalities of the Cossacks."

Said Wolfe: "What these people all had in common was a spirit of enterprise, a sensitivity to public taste, a commitment to the community and a profound faith in the good sense of their customers."

He urged fellow retailers to "face up to the challenge" of complex modern business technology and techniques, in order to be "what a store is supposed to be: An instrument of the human response to human needs."

"The customer," he said, "still wants someone to talk to besides the cashier — someone to help, to guide and to inform."

Wolfe's award was presented to him by a former recipient, Murray Koffler, founder of Shoppers Drug Mart.

Wolfe was nominated by the RCC's executive committee several months earlier, for distinguished service to the community as well as retailing achievement.

"The award is not given annually," said a council spokesman, "but only when a suitable candidate is presented."

Some 450 people attended Wolfe's acceptance luncheon.

Ray Wolfe (right), chairman of The Oshawa Group, is presented with the Distinguished Canadian Retailer Award for 1987 — a coach clock — by last year's award recipient, Murray Koffler, at the Retail Council of Canada's recent annual convention.

Housing funds will help disabled

TORONTO —

To help disabled individuals remain in their community, the Ontario government has allocated an additional $4.29 million, Tony Ruprecht, minister responsible for disabled persons, recently announced.

The expenditure is part of a series of initiatives aimed at increasing housing options for the disabled. It will be spread over three years through the attendant care program, the minister said.

"The availability of suitable, affordable accommodation is a key factor for many disabled people as they seek to lead independent lives as productive citizens," Ruprecht told the Legislature.

The 3-year plan includes increased financial support for modifications to both ownership and rental housing and the development of a strategy for the longer term. The housing plan is a joint venture of the ministries of housing and community and social services and Ruprecht's office.

New measures include a $1.7 million grant to the Easter Seal Society to assist parents of disabled children with needed home modifications. Tied to this is a $200,000 grant to the Toronto Barrier Free Design Centre to provide expert design consultation.

Increased loan assistance will be provided for physically disabled homeowners and those with physically disabled dependents for design modifications under the Ontario Home Renewal Plan.

The plan also calls for the development of strategies to meet future needs. It includes a major research study to examine the current and future housing needs of the disabled.

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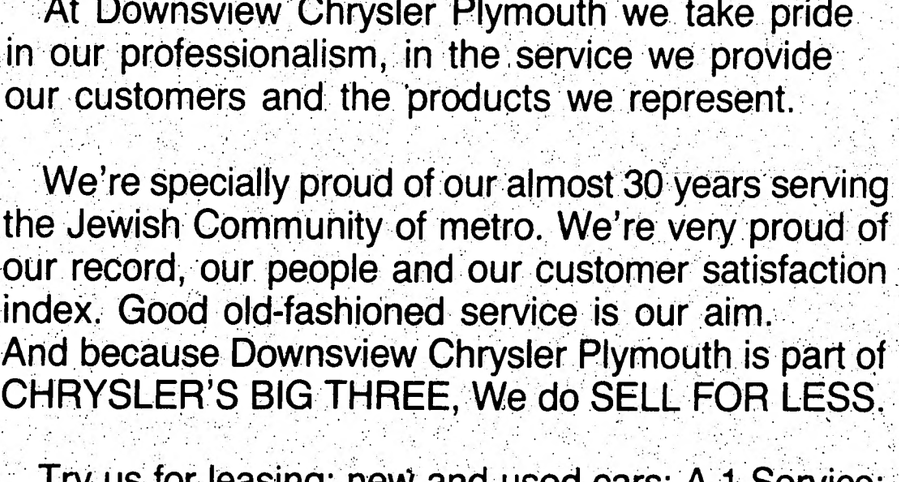

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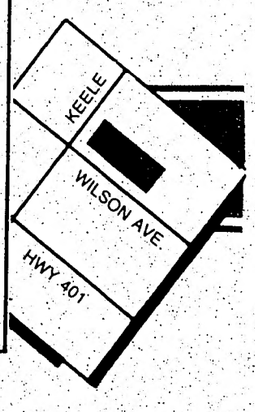

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Organizations and People

12th annual meeting

TJC elections will be held at Beth Tikvah

TORONTO —

Yitz Feldman, nominating committee chairman, has announced the Toronto Jewish Congress slate of nominations for officers and members of the executive. Elections will take place at the 12th annual TJC meeting on the evening of Thursday, May 21 at Beth Tikvah Synagogue.

Following are nominees for elected officers of TJC: Herb Rosenfeld, president; Phil Alter, Michael Benjamin, Jack Chisvin, Marty Goldberg, Henry Koschitzky, Penny Offman, Les Scheininger, vice-presidents; Aaron Brotman, treasurer; Richard Krelstein, assistant treasurer; Gella Rothstein, secretary; Julia Koschitzky, assistant secretary; Martin Sable, honorary legal counsel; Joseph B. Salsberg, honorary officer.

Additional officers include Wilfred Posluns, Irving (Yitz) Feldman, Ronald Appleby, past presidents; Charles Diamond, Sheila Engel, Max Handelman, Mira Koschitzky, Harold Lederman, Adrienne Offman, David Satok, Lionel Schipper, Gerald Sheff, Charles Zaionz.

Nominated for election to the TJC executive committee are: Vernon Balaban, Dr. Joseph Berger, Berl Bessin, David Blank, Allan Brown, Sandy Brown, Paula Cohen, Samuel H. Cohen, Joanne Cooper, Sid Cooper, Myrtle Coopersmith, Yale Drazin, Madeleine Epstein, Mel Finkelstein Hersh Fogel, Sheila Freeman, Dr. Harvey Gellman, Nita Goldband, Leonard Goldberg, Judy Gwartz, Anne Handelman, Linda Kahn, Bernard Kamin, Joan Kerbel, Simon Kesslasy, Les Klein, Dr. Harry Krakowsky;

Nathan Leipciger, Glennie Lindenberg, Bev Little, Wendy Litwack, Prof. Martin Lockshin, Frances Mandell, Lou Myers, Frances Olin, Howard Perlmutter, Gerry Richler, Paul Rothstein, H. Victor Rosenthal, David Rubin, Lorraine Sandler, Sam Schwartz, Murray Segal, Chaim Shainhouse, Trudy Shecter, Dr. Sheldon Sper, Dr. Elaine Todres, Dr. Debbie Vigoda, Marlene Walker, Rose Wolfe.

Recommended for co-option to the TJC executive committee: David Brown, Michael Chodos, Elliot Eisen, Rabbi Lawrence Englander, Anna Gorouvyn, Harvey Joseph, Fred Karp, Rabbi Joseph Kelman, Louis Kirshenbaum, Jules Kronis, Herman Landau, Rabbi Raphael Marcus, Rabbi Dow Marmur, Rabbi Harvey Meirovich, Steve Mlotek, Lewis J. E. Moses, Norma Rubin, Dr. Ralph Shedletsky, Victor Shields, Gerald Slan, Joan Stevens, Rabbi Baruch Taub, Harry Weinstock, Morley Wolfe, Dr. Harvey Zimmerman.

Nominated to the executive committee by virtue of communal positions: Sol Edell, Dr. Arnold A. Epstein, Judge Sam Filer, Naomi Freeman, Gerda Frieberg, Terry Geist, Gerald Kane, Marshall Kesten, Dr. Rolf Lederer, Lou Lenkinski, Beverley Lyons, Samuel Sable, Ralph Shiff, Eric Slavens, Patti Starr, Cyrel Troster, Didi Urbach.

According to Toronto Jewish Congress bylaws, no nominations shall be made from the floor during the annual meeting.

However, Yitz Feldman points out that any seven members of TJC may submit additional nominations in writing. These must be delivered to the TJC office (4600 Bathurst St., Willowdale) no later than one week prior to the annual meeting, and must be accompanied by written consent of the nominee.

"All nominees must be in good standing with United Jewish Appeal," says Feldman.

Baycrest project to begin

Caring for elderly studied

TORONTO —

Helping families cope with the burden of caring for a frail elderly relative in the community is a primary goal of the Caring for the Caregivers project commencing this month at Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care.

"By providing support and assistance to someone caring for an elderly relative who is physically frail and/or experiencing mental deterioration such as memory loss, we hope that more families will be able to provide good quality care for their relatives with less difficulty," says project coordinator Sorele Urman.

"As a result, they may be able to keep their relative in the community longer."

The 3-year project is designed to serve approximately 200 families in Metropolitan Toronto in which at least one family member is experiencing problems caring for a frail relative over age 60.

Urman, who is also director of Baycrest Centre's Central Intake Department, explains that for some elderly people, family care is not a matter of choice but of necessity.

"There may not be an institution appropriate to their needs or there may not be space available anywhere," she adds.

Baycrest Centre received a grant of $322,200 from Health and Welfare Canada and $114,000 from the Ontario ministry of community and social services to set-up the project that involves a research study to determine the problems and stresses experienced by caregivers and the best ways to resolve them.

"This study will look at ways to effectively build on the family network so that a primary caregiver, such as a wife caring for her husband, will feel more supported.

"We also want to include third and fourth generations of a family in the care planning," says Urman.

Project director Sheila Smyth explains that when families get together with a social worker, they may collectively be able to develop a care plan that provides for the needs of the primary caregiver as well as the elderly relative.

"One man caring for a wife with Alzheimer's disease felt he had no time for himself but did not want to burden his family with his problems. However, when we all met, we found that he could get out to pursue his interests if his grandson could come by one evening a week instead of visiting on the weekend.

"Often something as simple as getting out of the house for a few hours can help to alleviate stress for the caregiver," Smyth adds.

Aside from receiving counseling and referrals to appropriate agencies that may provide assistance, some families will have the opportunity to participate in educational workshops that will provide information about diseases and practical training in caregiving skills.

Some families will also attend support groups with other caregivers in order to share their experiences and information.

Families will be actively involved in the project for four to 12 weeks with three follow-up contacts over nine months after the service is ended.

At the end of the project, Baycrest Centre will develop teaching materials so that communities across Canada may benefit from the results of the study.

Referrals to the project will be accepted from any community agencies or groups, from doctors or counselors, or by self-referral.

For information about the Caring for the Caregivers Project, call Baycrest Centre's Central Intake Department at 780-5131, extension 3079.

Leo Baeck Day School names Rabbi Garten as its director

TORONTO —

Rabbi Steven H. Garten has been appointed director of Leo Baeck Day School effective Aug. 1.

Garten was born in New York City and raised in New Jersey. He is a graduate of Rutgers College. He received his Masters of Hebrew Letters in 1973 from Hebrew Union College — Jewish Institute of Religion and was ordained a rabbi in 1975.

In 1985 he received a Masters degree in education, specializing in history and philosophy, from the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education. During the past 12 years, he has devoted his rabbinate to Jewish education in St. Louis and at the Holy Blossom Temple in Toronto.

While at Holy Blossom, he has been responsible for the largest congregational program in North America. In addition, Garten has served as assistant director for Judaic and Hebraic studies at Leo Baeck Day School.

At Holy Blossom, Garten created and implemented numerous opportunities for parents to become involved in Jewish studies with their children. A home study program for parent and child, created by Garten and his staff, recently was awarded honorable mention in the Emanu-El Gamorin Curriculum Award contest, sponsored by the National Association of Temple Educators.

Garten serves as vice-president of the National Association of Temple Educators and represents the organization on the Union of American Hebrew Congregations' commission on education. He also serves as chairperson of the Central Conference of American Rabbis' committee on education. Between 1984 and 1986 he served as president of the Canadian Association of Reform Rabbis and between 1982 and 1986 he served as president of the Toronto Association of Reform Rabbis.

Garten is married to Linda Weinberg, a clinical social worker and has one child, Micah Jesse.

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Expanded facilities opened at CSJE

BY
MARK DODICK

TORONTO —
It was elbow room only as the new offices of Coordinated Services to Jewish Elderly at 530 Wilson Ave. (3rd floor) were officially opened by some 200 well-wishers recently.

The guests came to dedicate the expanded facilities of the multi-purpose agency that assists elderly persons still in their own homes with a variety of services.

The occasion also served to preserve the memory of two longtime supporters of the organization who died tragically in a fire one year ago.

In a presentation led by Rabbi Jordan Pearlson of Temple Sinai and North York Mayor Mel Lastman, the main boardroom of the new offices were dedicated to Marie and Jack Freedman.

The placing of the mezzuzah also served as an act of commemoration.

The mezzuzah was attached to the doorframe by Gordon Jacobs in memory of his father Rubin Jacobs. Edith Jacobs, Rubin's wife, has been a member of the CSJE staff since the agency began operation 13 years ago.

"This is a great moment of simcha for the entire Jewish community of Toronto," said Rabbi Philip Scheim of Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregation and a member of CSJE's board of directors, as Jacobs attached the mezzuzah.

"The sudden horrible tragedy that took Jack and Marie away from us left us with a vacuum," Rabbi Pearlson told the assembly that crowded into the boardroom dedicated to their memory.

"Those here have taken that vacuum and filled it with an eternity the Freedmans would understand."

Joe Ruscetta, a close friend of the Freedmans, and an organizer of the committee that raised funds to build the boardroom, thanked the guests for their support for the project.

Presenting a plaque to Dr. Ralph Shedletsky, president of CSJE, Mayor Lastman said: "You're great people doing great work helping to keep our seniors in dignity at home. The City of North York is proud of you and I thank you."

Said Dr. Shedletsky: "I think we can all partake in this opening ceremony in an equal manner. All of you have contributed to making this possible.

"I think we all share in the vision that the agency is meeting some vital needs in the community."

Though the new quarters will give CSJE some much needed room, Executive Director Michael Scheinert said it is more important "that the agency has been able to respond to the needs of the community."

However, continued Scheinert, "we're in a growth field. The demands on the organization are going to increase and seem to be increasing faster than the ability of the organization to meet those needs."

Scheinert said CSJE is starting to do more work with those with Alzheimer's Disease, and "the agency is at a crossroad. We're going to have to make some real choices about how it grows and in what way."

CSJE, (until recently at 3995 Bathurst), began in a modest bungalow on Baycrest Ave. with a staff of eight.

Today the agency employs 140, including 118 home services staff and 22 social workers and administrative helpers.

According to its own statistics, the organization helped more than 2,000 individuals and families last year through homemaking, meals on wheels, housekeeping, safety-care, and volunteer visiting.

The agency is now working with York University and the Insitute for Health Foundation to examine the needs of persons suffering from illnesses such as Alzheimers.

It is also offering a special coordination of programs for the caregivers who look after family members with this type of disability.

Assisting CSJE in its task are more than 400 volunteers.

To volunteer for or receive help from CSJE, phone (416) 635-2860.

Gordon Jacobs attaches the mezzuzah to the door frame of the new Coordinated Services to the Jewish Elderly office as Rabbi Philip Scheim and Gordon's mother Edith looks on. [Graphic Artists photo]

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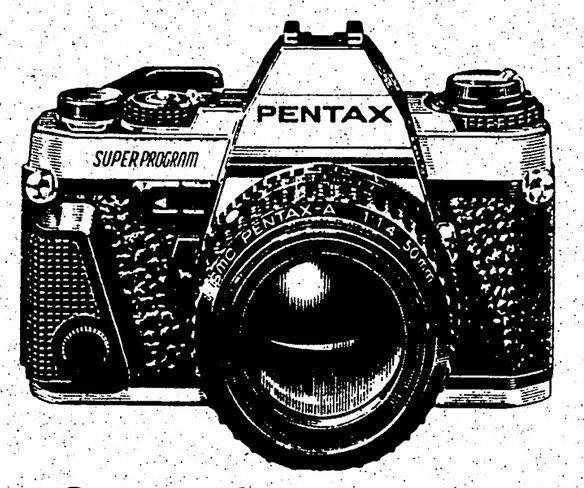

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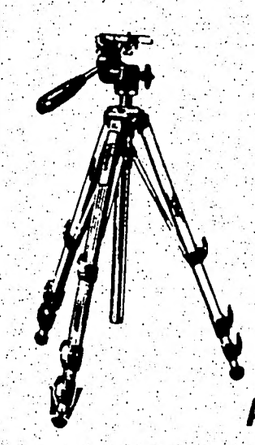

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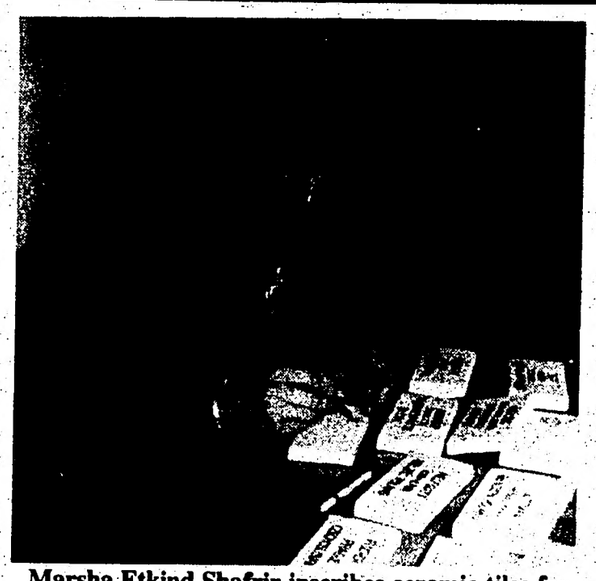

Marsha Etkind Shafrir inscribes ceramic tiles for the Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre's Hall of Memories.

Centre commissions artist for tiles

TORONTO —

The Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre in the Lipa Green Building has commissioned artist Masha Etkind Shafrir to inscribe memorial tiles.

Centre chairman Gerda Frieberg said that as the artist, who emigrated here from Russia in 1975, utilizes a special process, a minimum of 200 tiles can be done at one time.

These individually designed ceramic tiles, inscribed with the names of family members' victims of the Holocaust, are to be placed in the Hall of Memories.

Frieberg says those wishing to endow a tile with the inscription of their loved ones, contact the office at 635-2883, extension 144 soon to be included in this batch as it might take up to six months for the next order to be inscribed.

The Centre, which houses pictorial exhibits and audio-visual presentation as well as personal recollections of a survivor, is open to the public during regular business hours. It is visited almost daily by students from Toronto and surrounding areas.

Simcha Dinitz keynote speaker

TORONTO —

Three sad and happy occasions on the Israel calendar will be commemorated in a number of community events in Toronto sponsored by the Canadian Zionist Federation.

On Sunday, May 3, a remembrance service will be held at the Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue to honor those who have died in Israel's wars.

The service, which will be attended by leading political and community dignitaries, will have as its keynote speaker Simcha Dinitz, member of Knesset and former Israeli ambassador to the United States.

Later the same evening there will be a community celebration of Yom Ha'atzmaut, the 39th anniversary of Israel's independence, at the Beth Tzedec Synagogue.

Yom Yerushalayim, commemorating the 20th anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem during the Six Day War, will be marked on May 27 by a pageant and concert at the Beth Sholom Synagogue. The program will be directed by Rick Kardonne.

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Sephardic group to hold Mimuna

TORONTO —

The Ontario Sephardic Association will hold a Mimuna service and reception at 9 p.m. on April 21.

Maurice Benzacar, association vice-president and Mimuna chairman, said the service will be held at Magen David Congregation, 10 McAllister Rd., and this will be followed by the reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Raphael Zrihen, who live next door to the shul.

Benzacar said that a 20-minute film of the 1986 Mimuna festival in Israel, which depicts the Moroccan Jewish cultural event, will be shown.

He said that for the first time Israel's consul-general, Benjamin Abileah, has been invited to the event, which this year will be attended by various public figures and Jewish community leaders.

He said that although the Mimuna has been an annual event in Toronto for many years, the Beyahad Movement in Israel, an organization of Jews of North African origin, asked the various Sephardic groups in the Diaspora to have the celebration more public this year.

Joy and good cheer is the central feature of the holiday. The homes of all Jews of North African origin — and in particular those from Morocco — are open to all and no invitation is required. The traditional greeting on entering someone's home is Terbh'ou Outsaad'ou, which in English is a wish for happiness and prosperity.

One of the principal objectives of the festival is to increase interpersonal contact and to deepen sympathy and understanding for one another.

Among the traditional dishes served at a Mimuna are: zaban, white nougat inlaid with almonds; mrozia, dry raisins cooked in oil and sugar, with almonds; maazun, orange peel jam, quinces, carrots and eggplant; and tm-maamrim, dates filled with colored almond paste. Mint-green tea is always on hand.

B'nai Torah celebrates 25th

Anniversaries time to look ahead

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —

Rather than looking backwards at the way things were, anniversaries should be a time to plan for the future, says Rabbi Sir Immanuel Jacobovits, Chief Rabbi of the United Kingdom.

Speaking recently to a capacity crowd at B'nai Torah Synagogue on the occasion of the congregation's 25th anniversary, Jacobovits said that people can celebrate anniversaries in two traditional ways, by either remembering the past or sanctifying the future.

"The first way is like saying kaddish and the second way is like saying kiddish," the rabbi said.

He told the crowd that if one celebrates an anniversary by looking backwards it is as if the best days are behind him. "What does that say for the future," he asked.

Jacobovits added that a young couple should never feel that their wedding day is the happiest day of their life. "Does that mean things are going to get slightly worse each year?"

He said that the alternative to saying kaddish for days past is to say kiddish for the good days ahead. "That is precisely the choice of the Jewish people. We should be a people of kiddish. As opposed to always looking back we should sanctify new life."

Jacobovits noted that two parallel developments are occurring in world Jewry today that seem to contradict yet complement each other.

"At the same time as there is a decline in Jewish identification and learning and a rise in intermarriage, there has been a spectacular rebirth of Judaism, undreamt of a few decades ago."

The rabbi said that a common theme throughout history has been an enormous fallout rate of many Jews combined with a regeneration of a few: "Just like a fruit buried in the earth; the bulk of it decomposes but a few seeds burst forth in new life."

He stressed that we should always look forward and sanctify this new life.

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1973 Bonds due next year

Bonds campaign swings into its second stage

TORONTO —

State of Israel Bonds is swinging into the second phase of its campaign to encourage the re-investment of bonds purchased during the 1973 Yom Kippur War, according to the Bond office.

The first phase, which culminated on Purim, yielded a higher-than-expected rate of re-investment of 1973 Bonds. The second part of the campaign will culminate on Yom Ha'atzmaut, May 4.

Over 1 million families rallied to Israel's side during the 1973 Yom Kippur war by purchasing record amounts of Bonds in a relatively short span of time.

Worldwide, some $400 million (U.S.) worth of Bonds were purchased during the war. Toronto led the way with the highest per capita purchases in the world, with some $20 million worth of Bonds bought.

All Bonds bought in 1973 are due next year, 15 years after the conflict. The redemption of all those Bonds would constitute a large and sudden drain on the recovering Israeli economy, so the government of Israel has requested the Bond organization to encourage the re-investment of these securities.

Israel is offering a bonus to 73 bondholders: *up to 22 months of advance interest if the bonds are re-invested this year.* Here's how it works: if you bought a $100 Bond in 1973, its value next year would be $180. But by adding $70 to it, the bondholder receives a $250 Bond this year.

Similarly, the value of a $500 Bond purchased in 1973 would be $900 in 1988. If the holder adds just $100 this year, he buys a new $1,000 Bond.

The only stipulation to the re-investment offer is that bondholders must add to the mature value of their old Bonds. They cannot re-invest at levels equal to the Bond's maturity value.

Hundreds of 1973 Bondholders flocked to the Bond office and to synagogues at Purim in order to re-invest. Phase I of the re-investment campaign co-incided with the reading of the Megillah.

In this next phase, investors are being encouraged to continue their partnership with Israel in time to celebrate Israel's 39th birthday.

"Yom Ha'atzmaut is significant in terms of reinvestment," says Bonds' Toronto director Lawrence Waller.

"By re-investing their bonds, people are saying they are just as willing to help Israel in time of peace, and help her maintain her independence as they were in time of war."

Investors may also be interested in pooling their old bonds and buying a new Individual Variable Rate Interest security, an IVRI, which today pays 6.35% interest, and requires a minimum purchase of $5,000.

The Bond organization is asking families to check old files and safe deposit boxes.

And Israel is asking Bondholders "to renew the spirit and response which helped Israel in 1973 turn crisis into victory, on the war front and on the economic front," says the Bond office.

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Plenty of events set for Focus Week

TORONTO —

What was originally planned as a 5-day affair, Focus Week, sponsored by Toronto Jewish Congress/United Jewish Appeal, has spilled over into a longer cornucopia of community events.

Focus Week begins on May 12 with two public events: open house at the Mt. Sinai Hospital and Research Centre, and the official opening of Elm Ridge Elderly Group Residence. Activities will conclude on the evening of May 21 with TJC's 12th annual meeting and a special reception for its officers and members of the TJC executive.

A highlight of Focus Week will be the UJA's Walk for Israel and Walk Festival/Lag B'Omer evening bonfire on Sunday, May 17. More than 15,000 are expected to take part in the Walk. Features of the afternoon Festival, on the north Jewish Community Centre grounds, will include a circus under the big top with midway and rides, an Israeli fashion show and trade fair, a children's petting zoo, and a visual arts theme pavilion focusing on Jewish life and containing a range of hands-on activities. Coca-Cola Limited will be a major sponsor of the entire day's festivities.

Other activities planned so far during the 10 days of Focus Week include programs under auspices of the Jewish Women's Federation, Baycrest Centre, the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with the Aliya Committee of TJC and the consul-general of Israel in New York, Jewish Vocational Service, Jewish Music Society of Toronto, the Holocaust Remembrance Committee of Toronto Jewish Congress, and the TJC Bequest and Endowment Fund.

As well, Toronto Jewish Congress and UJA will jointly sponsor a graphics exhibit by local photographer Ora Buck, in the rotunda of the Lipa Green Building. Mrs. Buck's work will tell the TJC/UJA story in unique mobile fashion.

The joint steering committee for putting the Focus Week components together include co-chairmen Bobby Katz and Larry Shapiro, Irene Fink, Gloria Clamen, Charles Diamond, Judy Gwartz, Anne Handelman, Julia Koschitzky, Barbara Lamcove, Gella Rothstein, and Alan and Lorraine Sandler.

Coordinating for Toronto Jewish Congress/United Jewish Appeal are Steven Ain and Rupert Shriar, executive director and associate director respectively of TJC, and TJC/UJA staffers Ted Sokolsky, Lisa Morrison, David Gotfrid, Esther Mehr, Gil Kezwer and Robert Gottlieb.

German "memory" may change

By
SAM MAINSTER

TORONTO —

A recent surge towards German national identity may result in Germans restructuring their attitudes toward the Holocaust, says Prof. Saul Friedlander of Tel Aviv University, a scholar of the Nazi period.

"Since the early 1980s there has been a yearning for normalization in West Germany," said Friedlander in a recent lecture at the University of Toronto.

To redevelop a national identity, Germans are finding a need to reinterpret their immediate past, including the Nazi period, he said.

However, this may develop into a situation in which Germans change their "memory" of the Holocaust, he said.

As an example he described a recent article by the eminent West German historian Ernst Nolte, who compared the Holocaust to the Stalinist massacres of the 1930s, saying there was no difference between killing for reasons of class and reasons of race.

Friedlander added that left-wing German historians have denounced Nolte's views.

He compared this restructuring of German "memory" with the recent development of strong identification with the Holocaust among Jews.

Friedlander recalled an earlier need in Israel to reinforce the memory of the Holocaust. "The Knesset would debate the problem that people did not internalize the memory of the Shoah," he said, adding that when Menachem Begin came to power he suggested changing the official Holocaust memorial date to Tisha b'Av to reinforce its memory.

However, the present strong identification among Israelis and the Diaspora with those who suffered and died in the Holocaust may come into conflict with a right-wing nationalistic backlash in Germany, said Friedlander. "We are facing diverging problems of group identity."

Some Germans are looking for a new identity not based on German nationalism, said Friedlander, such as one based on the post-1945 West German constitution. "However, this is not the type of formula that will raise the masses," he observed.

Friedlander's lecture was part of the Joseph and Gertie Schwartz Memorial Lectures at the University of Toronto.

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Organizations and People

Cantor remembers dark days

Camp survivor to be honored by Beth Jacob

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —
In 1941, Cantor David Bercovici was in a labor camp near Bucharest, working on the construction of military exercise grounds. During a break, he sat on a hill to rest and because it was a beautiful, sunny day, he began to sing.

Suddenly, he became aware that his fellow prisoners were looking up at him and laughing but unperturbed, he went on singing. Then, something made him turn around. Behind him stood "the meanest captain in the camp," the man they had sarcastically dubbed "mother's heart" because of his cruelty.

But amazingly, it was not the young singer the captain punished but the other prisoners for having laughed in anticipation of the punishment they were sure Bercovici would get. Instead, it was they who were forced to do 50 push-ups.

"There are certain things you don't forget," says Bercovici. It is the only memory of those dark days that he permits himself to share. "You know," he says softly, "I have never before talked about this."

It is 11 years since Bercovici came to Hamilton and on April 25, Beth Jacob Congregation will honor him with a special Shabbat service.

His only son, Reuvain, who lives in Toronto with his wife and their three young children, will chant the haftorah; the Beth Jacob choir will sing and there will be a festive kiddush.

Bercovici is a friendly man with a warm smile and he has become fond of this community. "My good feelings about my work and about the people whose life I touch and whose lives touch mine have been returned to me one thousand-fold," he said in a recent interview.

And he adores children. "Kids have to enjoy learning," he says. It should be fun and he is especially proud of his good relationship with his bar and bat mitzvah students and pupils of the Beth Jacob school.

Before coming here, he spent 16 years in Toronto as cantor of the Hebrew Men of England congregation and principal of its religious school.

"We started from scratch with 27 students," says Bercovici. When the school closed, there were 350 students and a staff of 16.

Cantor David Bercovici

The cantor stems from a distinguished religious family. His father, who "had a beautiful voice and always led the services," was a prominent community leader and president of Mizrachi in Klausenburg (Cluj), Transylvania.

Whenever a renowned rabbi came to visit, his father would head the reception committee and Bercovici can still recall him, in his top hat, a cane grasped horizontally in both hands, clearing the way through the throng that lined the streets.

He graduated from the Klausenburg Yeshiva, where he studied under Rabbi Peretz Tuviah Stroli (an uncle of the Toronto Strolis), and later attended the Bucharest Conservatory of Music.

After the war, in Austria, where a Joint scholarship enabled him to study at the Bruckner Conservatory in Linz, he led High Holiday services for American soldiers at the famed Salzburg Mozarteum. In Canada, he continued his studies at the Toronto Conservatory and is a member of the Toronto Council of Hazzanim and of the American Cantors Assembly.

He and his wife, Henrietta were married in Bucharest in 1945, and in 1948, with their 2-week old son, the couple went to Israel, where they remained for 12 years.

Bercovici lost most of his family — "I cannot even say how many. . . ." Only one sister and a brother survived and both came to Canada. To be near them, he eventually came here in 1960.

Here he was also able to continue in his chosen profession as a chazzan, which he had been unable to do in Israel. A deeply religious man, this meant a great deal to him. "Being a chazzan," he says, "has permitted me to involve my days with poetry and music — and that is prayer."

Religion kept them alive

N. African Jews discussed

By
MARK DODICK

TORONTO —
It was education and the desire for equality which finally provoked North African Jews to assimilate after resisting centuries of persecution by Moslems and Christians.

That is the modern fate of a community whose origins extend back to ancient times, says Sarah Taieb Carlen, a past chairman of CJC Ontario Region's Jews in Arab Lands Committee, and a sociology doctoral student at York University.

Carlen, who was born in Tunisia and came to Canada in 1970, presented a historical overview recently on the Jews of North Africa, known as the Maghreb (Morocco, Algera and Tunisia).

The exposure to France and French civilization in the 19th century caused the disintegration of a community existing when the Phoenecians landed in North Africa (though most came after the destruction of the first temple), says Carlen.

Somehow, she explained, the Jews managed to survive the successive invasions of the Phoenecians, Romans, Vandals, Byzantines, Arabs, Turks, Spaniards, Italians, and French (and today Moslem Arab) before their civilization began to crumble with the opportunities of equality.

"What kept the Jews alive was mostly their religion," says Carlen, adding that religion at that time was pervasive and played a daily role in the people's lives.

The second significant factor in their survival, she noted, was their economic importance to the Moslems, as a source of taxes, metal work (prohibited then by the Koran), menial labor and international trade.

Under the rule of the Moslems, the Jews (and Christians) were accorded the status of Dhimmi, or protected citizens.

Codified in the pact of Omar in the 9th century, the status allowed Jews and Christians to surive because they believed in God, but held them to be inferior because they did not accept Mohammed.

The Jews were considered Moslem property, explained Carlen, and the rulers would sometimes allow their soldiers to ransack the Jewish quarters — the Mellah in Morocco and the Harah in Tunisia.

The pact of Omar included 12 regulations on Jewish behavior whose infringment resulted in a sentence of death. They included prohibitions on contact with Moslems, the height of synagogues/churches, consumption of wine and other activities.

Where the Moslems and the Christian church with their restrictions and persecutions of Jews failed, however, the French succeeded with their offer of equality and education, said Carlen.

France, which ruled Algeria from 1830 to 1962, Tunisia from 1881 to 1956 and Morocco from 1912 to 1956, succeeded in disintegrating and dispersing the Jewish communities "most of which are gone forever."

North African Jews, anxious to be emancipe (emancipated), to rise above the second class status imposed upon them by Dhimmi, rushed to enter the Alliance Israelite Universelle (opened in Morocco in 1863) and other similar schools for a secular education.

The schools had been opened by French Jews and the French government, "not deliberately to destroy the community, but through colonialization, the French were trying to moderate these people whom they found very backward. And that triggered a very drastic movement of secularization."

But there was one small North African Jewish community which resisted the tidal wave of French influence.

The island of Djerba off the shore of Tunisia (mentioned in the story of Ulysses) had a powerfully integrated community of 6-7,000 Jews who adamantly refused to assimilate into French culture, strengthening their own heritage in the process.

(Though much reduced since by immigration to Israel and North America in the 1950s and 1960s, some 1,200 Jews still live in Djerba today.)

In the 20th century, the Jews of North Africa faced one more would be conquerer: Hitler.

Under the Vichy government of Marshall Petain, concentration camps were being prepared for the Jews of North Africa.

Allied intervention came just in time to prevent their wholesale slaughter, but not soon enough to save 5,000 Tunisian Jews lost in forced labor camps, says Carlen. Her own father survived the experience, but her aunt and two cousins perished.

Ironically, it was the French education which stimulated assimilation that carried off most of North Africa's Jews, says Carlen. Paris replaced Jerusalem and France became Zion for many.

But the Jews of Djerba, though thought of as backward, retained their faith, clung to their hopes, and continue to live as Jews either in their native city or in Israel.

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Organizations and People

Refuseniks Iosif (centre) and Inna Begun are seen with Rabbi Harvey Meirovich.

Passionate Jews keep Judaism alive in Russia

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —
On their recent trip to the Soviet Union, A Toronto rabbi and cantor were struck by the commitment it takes to remain passionate Jews in that country.

"Jewish survival is a result of those few people, most of them Refuseniks, who remain devoted to their religion," says Cantor A. Eliezer Kirshblum of Adath Israel Synagogue who visited the Soviet Union with Rabbi Harvey Meirovich, spiritual leader of Beth Sholom Synagogue.

He says that these people study Judaism despite all the measures to supress them. "A small minority is keeping Judaism alive in the Soviet Union," Kirshblum says.

Meirovich agrees that Refuseniks are surviving "because of their ability to outmanoeuver a system that wants to destroy them."

He says that there are children who attend Hebrew lessons only three hours a week yet are able to converse fluently in that language.

"Their parents only talk to them in Hebrew so the family will always be prepared for the day they arrive in Israel."

He adds that as well as speaking Hebrew in public places such as the subway these people do such things as photocopy Hebrew texts at great risk to themselves.

"These passionate Jews go against the law because they know it is the only way Judaism will survive in the Soviet Union."

Meirovich spoke to prominent Refusenik Iosif Begun who feels there is a future for Jews in the Soviet Union.

"He is the eternal optimist, never giving up despite everything against him. His optimism fills his friends' hearts with hope."

Kirshblum says however that despite the strength of the commitment of these "soldiers of study," communication with Jews in the free world "is their lifeline and the oxygen that keeps them going."

He adds that "our calls, letters and missions to the Soviet Union help keep Refuseniks Jewish by virtue of contact."

Hesder yeshiva students renowned for combat role

By
DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO —
The combat renown of Israel's hesder (service) yeshiva students had to be overcome before transferring them to his new regiment, an Israeli army commander recently told day schools and Mizrachi supporters here and in Montreal.

"They are our best motivated and disciplined soldiers," Brig.-Gen. Yehuda Duvdevani, 42, told students at Associated Hebrew Day Schools, Or Chaim Yeshiva and Montreal's Hebrew Academy.

"They were too good," Duvdevani found when he tried to transfer them in number to the Givati regiment, a combined operations infantry force he founded after the Lebanon War.

"Their reputation as fearless tankmen, earned from the 1973 Yom Kippur War and on, was as established as any tradition," he said in a squeezed-in interview with The Canadian Jewish News. "Transferring to a new division would not be easy." Duvdevani is second-in-command of Israel's southern district.

Rather than just pass the orders on to them, "I went from rabbi to rabbi, explaining the need and seeking his blessing for them to transfer," said Duvdevani. It took nearly a year-and-a-half to obtain the wholehearted support of the heads of the country's dozen hesder yeshivot.

Now, about one-third of the Givati's 2,000 soldiers are hesder yeshiva students, "and they are displaying the same discipline, wholeheartedness and motivation in their new tasks as they did in the tank force."

The Negev-based division, "dispersed in whatever trouble spots it is needed,' is currently at the Israel-Lebanon border helping prevent terrorist incursions, he said.

The hesder program sees students alternating religious studies and military training, in terms longer than served by the country's conventional draftees.

Duvdevani's speaking tour, assisted by his wife Anat, was sponsored by Mizrachi, the religious Zionist movement.

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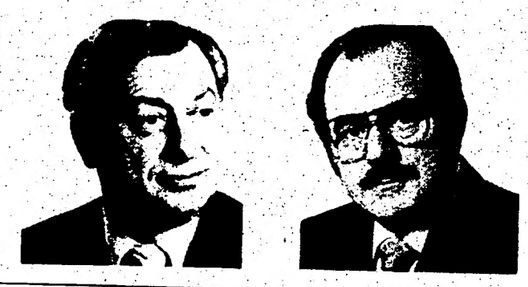

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Answer: It is correct that you may continue to contribute to a spousal RRSP up to and including the year in which your spouse turns age 71. However, the withdrawal of funds contributed to a spousal RRSP may have tax consequences for the contributing spouse. If a contribution has been made to a spousal RRSP in the year in which funds are withdrawn or within the two preceding years, the contributing spouse, rather than the annuitant spouse, will be required to pay tax on the funds which are withdrawn to the extent of those contributions.

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Highlight of the week, which ends May 2, is the Volunteer Centre of Metropolitan Toronto's awards reception on April 30.

Ontario Lieutenant-Governor Lincoln Alexander will present 15 of Metro's outstanding volunteers, who were selected from 76 nominees, with the Centre's service award. The recipients must have five years of volunteer experience, be currently active and serve a minimum of three hours a week.

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Saper heads agent group

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

Zivan Saper, whose family has long been associated with the insurance business here, looks with satisfaction on his recent election as president of the 750-member Insurance Agents Association of Manitoba.

"I consider it, to some degree, a reward by one's peers for many active years of involvement," he said. "It feels good any time one's peers ask you to become president of their organization."

In his new position, Saper will be working with the association's office staff in recruiting new members, acting as liaison with government and generally administering the organization's affairs.

Zivan Saper

Saper, 35, and his father, Max, are widely known in the community. Together, they operate Saper Agencies, one of Winnipeg's two oldest Jewish-run insurance agencies. Max Saper has been in the insurance business 33 years, starting with the agency when it was still run by Nathan Selchen and his son, Zalman, under the name Selchen Agencies.

The agency is a general insurance business covering automobiles, property, casualty, accident and sickness fields.

Zivan Saper joined the business out of university. He became active with the industry association about seven years ago, first as a volunteer, progressing to board member, then secretary and finally the presidency earlier this year.

Both father and son are active in a variety of communal organizations Jewish and otherwise. The elder Saper is a member of the Rosh Pina and Lubavitcher synagogues, the Brandeis Lodge, the Menorah (Masonic) Lodge and the General Monash Branch of the Legion.

Zivan Saper is a member of the board of Herzlia Synagogue and Camp Massad and belongs to the YMHA.

Architect to be honored

Montreal's Habitat reaches 20th

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —
Habitat, the deluxe apartment complex on Montreal's harborfront designed by Israeli-born architect Moshe Safdie and showcased during Expo 67, is 20 years old.

With its unconventional construction of prefabricated "boxes" and inclusion of a garden for each apartment dweller, Habitat was hailed by its admirers as a revolutionary concept in urban living that would be make comfortable housing available to all.

Such has not been the case. Two decades later Habitat has not been duplicated exactly anywhere in the world and Safdie, its brilliant creator who still makes his home part of the time here, did not until very recently have another commission in Montreal.

Nevertheless, Safdie who will be honored by the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University May 10, looks back on Habitat with much personal satisfaction, which he expressed in a recent interview.

"Habitat has been a popular success — most of its tenants have lived there for 20 years," he said.

Moshe Safdie

(Safdie's first wife is among the residents). Habitat, on Cite du Havre, is still one of Montreal's most desirable addresses and the waiting list is several years long.

Habitat is now a cooperative; the tenants bought the building last year for over $8 million from a private Quebec investor who owned it for a few months. Previously, Habitat had been the property of the federal government's Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation since 1967.

While the technology that went into the building of Habitat never caught on, Safdie believes the environmental ideas that were the basis of Habitat, that is giving each tenant a sense of openness yet privacy, have had an impact on the design of many buildings since. The terraced hillside housing in Jerusalem, Haifa and Nazareth (often erroneously attributed to Safdie), as well as in Spain and France, show the influence of Habitat, Safdie said.

The one place where the technological ideas of Habitat came close to replication was in Hong Kong and Singapore for middle-income and luxury housing.

Safdie will soon publish an update to his 1970 book Beyond Habitat, in which he places the project in the context of the many utopian housing projects that were launched in the socially-conscious 60s as answers "to the ills of contemporary urbanism."

What he greatly underestimated, he admits, was the future costs of similar projects. Interest rates and land costs would soon skyrocket after 1967, and Habitat would never be the prototype for low-income housing Safdie originally envisioned.

In the new introduction to Beyond Habitat, Safdie talks about his head-on collisions with Mayor Jean Drapeau over Habitat. Drapeau was "consistently antagonistic" to Habitat from the start; he wanted a tower built on that site.

Later, Drapeau blocked Safdie's proposal to locate the Olympic Village next to Habitat and opposed the various plans Safdie developed for the federal government for the Old Port. He also blames Drapeau, who resigned last year, to his continuing exclusion from Montreal jobs through the 70s.

Safdie, who is the Ian Woodner Studio Professor of Architecture and Urban Design at Harvard University where he has been since 1978, is currently working on the $60-million expansion of the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts — his first building in Montreal since Habitat. It is not his first Canadian project, however. He worked on the National Gallery of Canada in Ottawa and the Quebec Museum of Civilization in the provincial capital in the past few years.

The lack of work in Montreal has not meant Safdie, now going on 49, has been idle. Typically, he divides his time thus: two days a week teaching at Harvard, one day in New York City where he working on the Columbus Center, a 3-million square foot office/residential centre near Central Park being developed by former Montrealer Mortimer Zuckerman, and one day in either Montreal or Ottawa. Every six weeks, he spends a week in Jerusalem — his birthplace — where he has an office.

Safdie's principal residence is in Cambridge, Mass., where he lives with his second wife Michal and their two young children. His older children are daughter Taal, 26, an architect in Montreal and son Oren, 21, a student at Skidmore College in New York state.

Since 1971, Safdie has been working on a government-supported restoration and reconstruction project in the Jewish Quarter of the Old City of Jerusalem. For that long, the project has been the subject of a public controversy and only a couple of months ago was approved by the authorities, Safdie said.

The project involves what was formerly no man's land, the area near the Jaffa Gate. Safdie's plans call for a pedestrian mall with shops and entertainment, a park in the valley, now obstructed by earth fill, in front of the gate, and a residential development and hotel, right behind the Hebrew Union College between it and the King David Hotel.

In June, Safdie hopes to have completed a memorial to the children who died in the Holocaust at Yad Vashem. "It consists of an underground chamber with a memorial candle in the middle. Prisms and mirrors are arranged around it in such a way that the candle is reflected millions of times into infinity."

The dinner in honor of Safdie May 10, to be held at Congregation Shaar Hashomayim, will raise funds for the establishment of an endowment in memory the architect's father, Leon Safdie, who died last year. A chair in Hebrew University's Department of Urban Studies will be created in his name.

The elder Safdie was a longtime supporter of the Hebrew University, and set up many scholarships. Born in Syria, he was particularly helpful in encouraging Sephardi students to continue their education, said his widow Rachel Safdie.

Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek will be the guest speaker at the dinner.

I take this opportunity to extend my sincere best wishes for a happy and healthy Passover.

Joseph Cordiano, M.P.P.

Program plays key role in wife abuse

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —
While the Jewish community has been hesitant to talk about wife abuse, it is a serious problem that affects 4 out of 10 Jewish women, says the founder and president of a referral service for Jewish abused women.

"The feeling is Jewish men don't batter and we keep up the myth," said Marilyn Horwich, founder of Positive Directions Ontario Jewish Wife Assault Support Service. "For a long time the Jewish community was not willing to accept it. The myth that Jewish men don't batter took precedence over reality."

Positive Directions started in 1984, working in cooperation with Jewish Family & Child Service as an organization dedicated to increase the awareness and understanding of wife abuse in the Jewish community. Last August it became a legal corporation and in February it became the 51st affiliate of the Jewish Women's Federation, Toronto Jewish Congress.

It now works in close cooperation with Education Wife Assault, a referral and education service designed to help prevent wife abuse. The organization operates a referral service and publishes handbooks, training manuals and fact sheets in 10 languages.

Horwich, who serves as vice-president and education chairperson for Education Wife Assault, said she often gets calls from children whose mothers have been abused. Coming from such a home usually affects their confidence and self-esteem, Horwich claimed, and often hampers their ability to develop relationships with others.

Begins during teen years

"Sometimes the children say they can talk to me and not their parents," she said.

In addition to her other duties, Horwich is an accredited speaker of the EWA's speaker's bureau. As such, she has addressed a number of groups and organizations on the issues of wife abuse and familiy violence, including high school students, York University sociology students, Hadassah and ORT chapters, synagogue and church sisterhoods and professional and business women's networking groups.

A recent engagement at a high school convinced her that wife abuse education has to start before children reach high school. This is necessary, she said, as wife abuse sometimes begins during teen relationships. To help EWA in its work, B'nai B'rith Women is assisting in funding a manual on wife abuse education for use in high schools.

She said the problem affects all age, socio-economic and religious groups. While often associated with physical abuse, Horwich said it can also involve mental and verbal abuse. The perpetrators often come from abused homes and don't know how to properly communicate their feelings and express violence instead.

She said the problem has only recently come to the surface in the Jewish community which was afraid of being tarnished. Even when it did, the community often didn't accept abused wives. However increased education and awareness has improved the situation.

For further information on Education Wife Assault call 968-3422. Women in crisis should call 863-0514.

Focus WEEK In Depth

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FIRST FRAME: 20,000 feet will set the pace, as Celebration means fun and Focus Week will have plenty of that — especially with the 'Zaidy' of all community-wide events, UJA's Walk for Israel. This year's Walk will be loaded with more entertainers and guest stars than ever, all along the 18 km. route in support of an anticipated 10,000 walkers.

Those walkers will have a real treat in store for them at the last check-point on the JCC Campus. The "Showcase" Festival component of Focus Week will be ready to dazzle and thrill community members of all ages in the largest event of its kind ever organized by our community ...

SMILE AND SAY "COKE": Included in the Showcase, co-sponsored by Coca-Cola, will be:

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**Heritage Arts Pavillion* — a hands-on display of Jewish cultural arts and crafts that will feature and promote the work of many local artisans.

**A Taste of Israel* — exhibits and performances that will provide a cross-section of Israeli art, culture, and people-to-people encounters.

FULL DEPTH: And that's just the beginning! Like Topsy, Focus Week just keeps growin'. At this writing, in fact, we're talking not only Focus Week itself — but a whole slew of pre-Focus Week doings, as well.

PREVIEW: Try this current list of events on for size ...

May 12, Mount Sinai Hospital & Research Centre Open House

May 12, Elm Ridge Elderly Group Residence official opening

May 14, Women's Seminar on Financial Affairs, under auspices of Bequest & Endowment Fund of Toronto Jewish Congress

May 17, UJA Walk for Israel, afternoon Walk Festival, and evening Lag B'Omer bonfire

May 18, Israel Industrial Products Fair, at the JCC North

May 19, Jewish Women's Federation Annual Meeting

May 20, Jewish Music Society: Cantorial Music in Hebrew, Yiddish and Ladino: featuring Nico Castel of the Metropolitan Opera, and pianist Ann Lewin

May 20, Community Mission to Israel Reunion

May 21, Holocaust Remembrance Committee Workshop for high school students and teachers

May 21, 12th Annual Meeting of Toronto Jewish Congress, preceeded by reception for Presidents and senior officers of affiliated agencies and schools, as well as TJC Officers and members of the Executive.

ADD PREVIEW: ... and ... Phew! that's not all! We also have assurances at this time, though no dates have yet been set, that the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, Baycrest Terrace, the North Y, and the Jewish Vocational Service, among others, will also be participating. It all adds up to a passel of volunteers, striving together to give our community the most comprehensive-ever overview of what makes Jewish Toronto the greatest!

REWIND: Next column, we'll be giving you the more personal side of Focus Week life, by introducing you to some of the folks who've been devoting tons of time and effort to ensure the success of this undertaking.

You'll find it all here — so just keep focused!

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Fashion

"It allows a man to strut"

Canadian men become more daring in choice of ties

By
LIDA KUDLA
[STYLE]

Ties bring out the peacock in a man, says Lester Lazarus, president of Park Lane Neckwear, Montreal.

"It allows a man to strut. A tie is what gives a man his individuality when he's wearing a suit."

Marek Sutkiewicz, owner of Marek — The Best of Europe, a Toronto retail store specializing in unusual quality garments and accessories for men and women, agrees.

"Men are vain," he says. "It only takes one compliment on a tie a man is wearing for him to become a tie addict."

He should know. Proud owner of more than 300 ties, they were the inspiration for his store.

"Aside from jewelry, there is a need for gift items — especially for men," says Sutkiewicz. And upon examining his own collection of ties, he discovered that the majority of them were by Italian manufacturer Pancaldi, alias "the king of ties."

Art deco motifs

One wall of Sutkiewicz's Bloor Street store is exclusively devoted to the ties which are individually draped over wall fixtures.

In 100% silk, they form a kaleidescope of colors and patterns ranging from stately solids to traditional prints, to tone-on-tone patterns, art deco motifs and new wave images.

Coming up for spring from Pancaldi are strong, brilliant colors — pink, yellow and mauve.

Art deco and Picasso prints are the newest thing in state-of-the-tie art.

"Although Canadians have traditionally been more conservative and a little behind Europe," says Sutkiewicz, "this is changing. Canadians are becoming more adventurous."

Women chief buyers

Such notables as Mel Lastman, Paul Godfrey and John Turner have all been spotted sporting Pancaldi.

Who really buys those pieces of fabric which men knot around their necks?

Despite the fact the tie is the only piece of clothing a man wears in formal dressing which allows him to be flamboyant (sportswear is a different story), it's still women who buy the ties.

According to Lorne Abramowitz, president of Abbey, Montreal, about two-thirds of ties for men are purchased by women. He says it is unlikely this trend will change in the near future.

Abbey, which manufactures the Christian Dior, Leo Chevalier, Abbey and some private label lines, predicts color is the story for spring.

Women will ease men's insecurity in the tie-buy for the upcoming season by choosing from the newest colors of teal, fuchsia, lavender and royal blue.

Prints in neat figures, paisleys and jacquards will also be popular, according to Abramowitz.

While many manufacturers are predicting strong colors for spring, Morris Fuchs of Omega Neckwear, Toronto, says the pastels are not to be forgotten.

Light shades, blue, red, burgundy and maize are also shades to watch for, according to Fuchs. He says green will be making a come-back and conservative brown has melted into cool taupe.

Ties, often a spur of the moment purchase, according to Hy Balsky, president of Wings Neckwear, Toronto, will be more expensive in the spring.

"They'll be up about 10% to 20% at the retail level," says Balsky, whose company manufactures the Guy La Roche, Krizia and Countess Mara lines.

"The increasing price of material and the fall of the dollar have pushed prices up."

The favored fabric for ties is pure silk. "It ties up better," says Balsky. "People are looking for better quality goods," adds Lazarus, whose company manufactures the Pierre Cardin, Lanvin and Polo by Ralph Laurent ties.

"Not only is silk a better quality fabric, it has a magical name," he notes.

But silk is expensive. Ties will remain the status quo width (about 3 in.-3¾ in.) for spring because going wider requires more fabric and that means going higher in price, says Balsky.

At Park Lane Neckwear the bottle shape tie — a tie with a smaller knot — is the newest look. The shape is used to accommodate the longer shirt points of the upcoming season — hence the use of a narrow knot.

As men's fashion moves towards more luxurious looks, ties have become an increasingly important commodity.

Men are dressing more elegantly and are demanding an elegant finishing touch to their wardrobe.

Who would have thought a thriving industry would develop around an item that initially had Napoleon's troops quite bewildered as to its purpose?

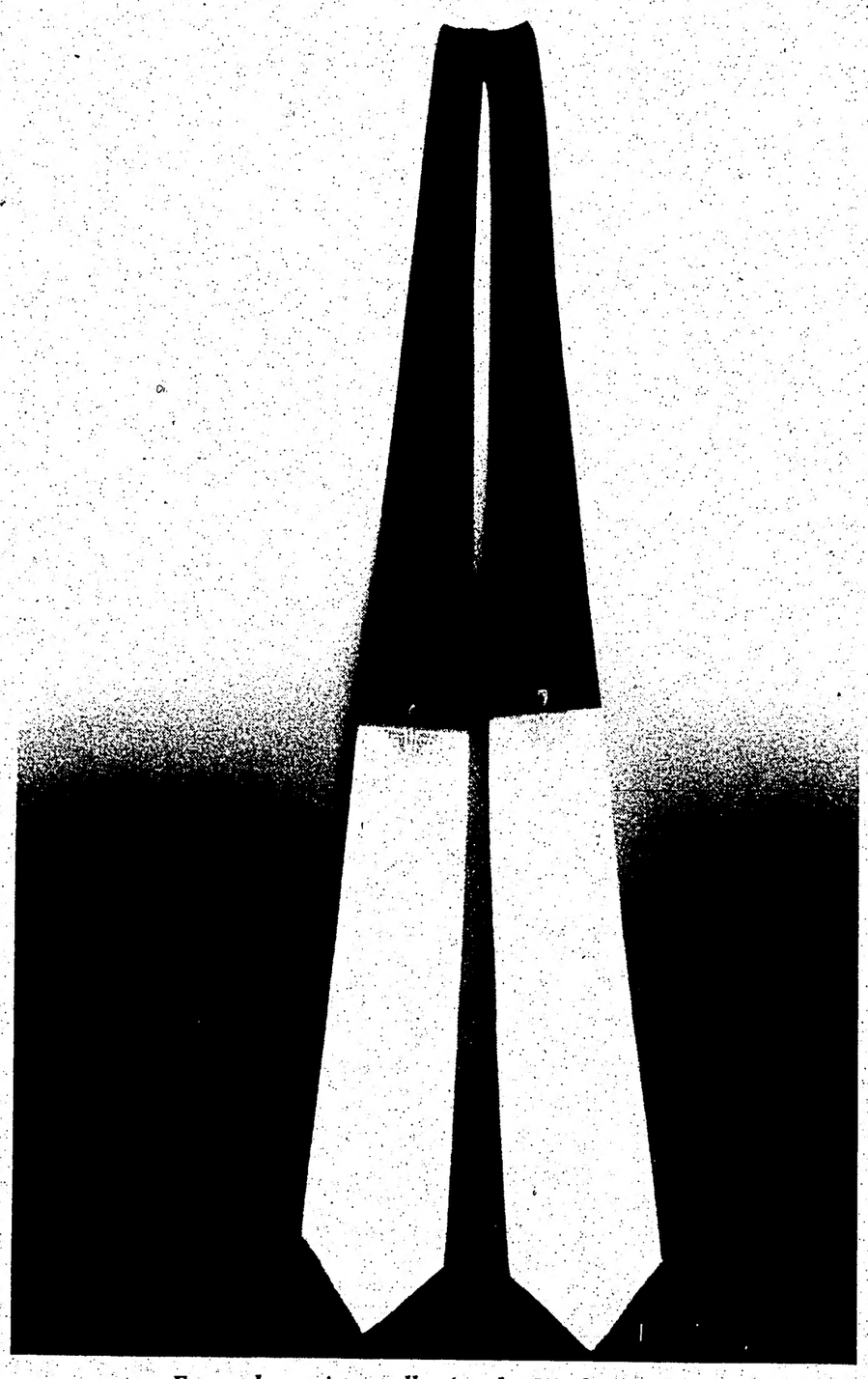
En route to his unsuccessful Russian invasion in the early 19th century, Napoleon's army passed through Croatia where they spotted Croatian men wearing strange things around their necks.

Napoleon may have lost both the battle and the war, but the troops didn't return empty handed.

Not knowing what purpose this particular Croatian item served, but thinking it was all rather amusing and quite trendy, they brought the fashion back to France with them.

A problem arose. What to call this new discovery? Why name it after its point of origin of course.

So from Croatie, French for Croatia, came the cravate (Croate is French for Croatians). And voila — the tie, a trend and an industry — was born.



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Paris designers present fun, fantasy

Hats for spring are shaped like lampshades but go well with this cotton bustier in a bow print for day from Saint Laurent.

Fashions intended for jet-setters with lots of cash

PARIS —

Ruffles, lace and outrageous hats like tulle wedding cakes or television satellite dishes are part of the fun and fantasy Paris designers are predicting for spring and summer fashions.

The latest showings of haute couture collections by old masters like Yves Saint Laurent and young upstarts like Christian Lacroix of Jean Patou should give sales a much-needed lift, some experts say.

The fashions are intended for jet-set customers who can afford the astronomical prices — some $8,000 (U.S.) for a simple dress.

But the ideas emanating from the Paris fashion shows quickly trickle down to ready-to-wear manufacturers in other world fashion capitals.

In this year's Paris collections, tulle and black satin ribbon could be measured by the kilometre. Tulle ruffles flounced skirts and added fullness to layers of petticoats. Hats like birdcages or flower gardens were swathed in cumulus clouds of tulle.

Black satin ribbon alternated with bands of black organza in Karl Lagerfeld's cocktail dress designs for Chanel.

Maryll Lanvin used it to wrap around Fortuny pleated silks, and Marc Bohan at Christian Dior tied strands of bulky fake pearl jewelry at neck and wrist with black satin bows.

Creole, Spanish and Gay Nineties themes dominated the showings and determined the fabrics.

The carefree Creole dresses at Patou were in eyelet, striped or polka-dot polished cottons, gingham and pique. Flamenco designs and creations harking back to the Belle Epoque, as the French call the Gay Nineties, required lace.

But Gerard Pipart's introduction of a nostalgic 1940s element with pastel gabardine suits and straw hats with snoods won his designs for Nina Ricci the week's prize of the Golden Thimble for the most original collection.

Colors covered the spectrum, with pink and green popular in most collections. Black and white still rule the evening, although Saint Laurent showed a satin cocktail suit in hot pink and fire engine red.

With all the ruffles underneath, skirts were full, or puffy like artichokes, bubbles or balloons. Erik Mortensen for Pierre Balmain showed a short dress with ruffles rising in the back to form an amusing ducktail.

For a change of pace, Pierre Cardin gave his clothes a bizarre futuristic look with hems wired like a hula hoop. Some of his hats were shaped like lampshades.

Waists were tight, and often cinched with wide leather belts. Saint Laurent and Norwegian designer Per Spook showed tunic overblouses, dropping the belts to hip level.

Lacroix at Patou and Mortenson at Balmain also showed under-the-bosom empire waistlines, which prompted one wealthy observer to speculate as to which of her pregnant friends she should recommend as buyers for the dresses.

Most designers anchored hemlines at the knee, save for Saint Laurent, who hiked them to mid-thigh and even raked some wrap-skirts higher in an upside-down modified V.

Shoulders receded a bit, except at Emanuel Ungaro, where huge puffed sleeves and bouffant boleros gave his collection a Renaissance sumptuousness.

A simple, elegant touch from Ungaro that any woman could copy were the small satin ribbon bows pinned at the hairline at the neck.

Marks & Spencer's working wardrobe features a jade green jacket, left, and coordinating pleated skirt in black, green and white. Complete the look with a white, short-sleeved cotton sweater. The same jacket suits you well when worn with matching skirt and green, leaf-print blouse. All items shown available at Marks & Spencer stores across Canada. Jewelry by Garbo Creations.

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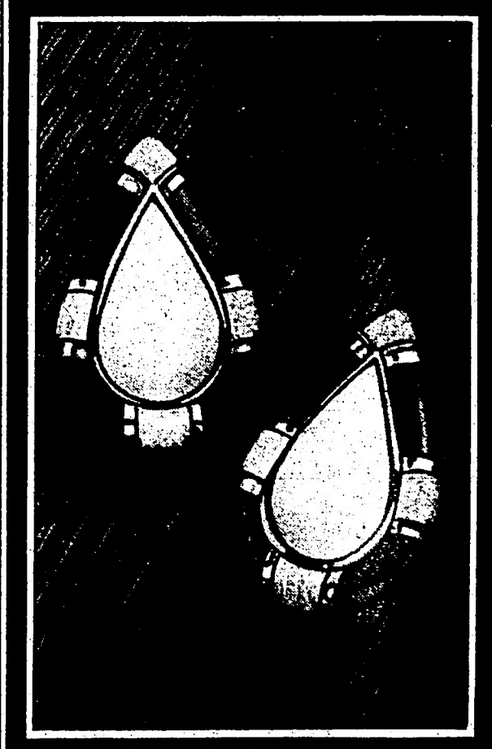

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Arts

Broad farce almost vaudevillian

Two characters make Russian Forest worth seeing

Michael Hogan (left) and Tom Wood are scene-stealers as vagabond actors in Ostrovsky's The Forest at St. Lawrence Centre.

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

Toronto's CentreStage director Guy Sprung would have us believe that Anton Chekhov (1860-1904) was a plagiarist of Alexander Ostroysky (1823-1886).

Indeed, the program notes for Ostrovsky's *The Forest* (running until April 25 at the St. Lawrence Centre) mince no words when making that accusation. The blatant claim is made that whole patches of Chekhov's *The Cherry Orchard* were "stripped" from Ostrovsky's *Forest*.

Well, I have no intention of getting into a wrangle over deforestation — except to state that Sprung and his fellow champions of Ostrovsky are suffering from delusions of woodsy grandeur.

What they're doing is tantamount to comparing Neil Simon with William Shakespeare.

Historically, Ostrovsky was an interesting pioneer Russian dramatist, but he was hardly a great one to be mentioned in the same breath with Chekhov.

A former clerk in the Moscow municipal courts, he was a hack playwright who churned out more than 50 comedies and melodramas. He remains today the most widely produced playwright in the Soviet Union, largely because his once "subversive" works were the first to lampoon the greed of Russia's landed gentry and rising class of merchants and to treat peasants sympathetically.

Only one of his comedies, *Confessions Of A Scoundrel*, has gained popularity in the English-speaking world. Sprung maintains this is the result of poor translations; and so he commissioned Canadian playwright David French to dramatize a fresh version of Ostrovsky's social comedy, *The Forest*.

As staged at the St. Lawrence Centre, however, it struck me as being a broad farce, almost vaudevillian in its caricature of Russian character types, and using a plot replete with oldfashioned claptrap and trumpery.

I'd dismiss it as an outdated, creaky vehicle — except for two wonderfully redeeming characterizations that make the play worth seeing.

The comedy is stolen, lock, stock and barrel, by a pair of vagabond actors who stroll onstage in the second act.

One is Gennady, a strutting, roistering, bigger-than-life tragedian of the old school, full of sound and fury and bombast; he is played to the hilt, bravura style, by Toronto actor Michael Hogan, who was so marvelous recently as the egomaniacal surgeon in the Toronto Free Theatre's *Buchanan*.

Some purists of the Russian theatre may accuse Hogan of overacting. But, in my book, that's impossible, for Gennady is such a large-scale character; like Falstaff, he can never be over-played.

The other is his ne'er-do-well chum, Arkady, a droll comedian, so down on his luck that he is reduced to functioning as prompter for low-class troupes of roving players. He is portrayed as an endearing whimsical mummer by Tom Wood, the Edmonton actor-playwright, who was a 1-man laugh riot in his own recent comedy, *B Movie: The Play*.

I must add that I also enjoyed the playing of other cast members who had to contend with their cartoon roles in a wispy plot about ownership of a forested estate.

Most notable among them are Elizabeth Shepherd, a Stratford veteran, as a tight-fisted, promiscuous land owner; Thick Wilson, very funny, as the mayor in the Limelight Theatre's *Music Man*, who is here the very epitome of a villain as a grasping, cheating merchant; and Clare Coulter, who is so gifted an actress that she brings humanity to her subsidiary role of a peasant servant.

You won't find any Chekhovian, 3-dimensional characters here, mooning over their loneliness and longing to visit Moscow. Instead, this *Forest* is populated by offbeat grotesques, and despite their lack of subtlety and depth, it's entertaining to watch them.

Let me put it another way. Sprung notwithstanding, don't expect the caviar and fine vodka of Chekhov; Ostrovsky offers peasant fare of borscht and blinis.

Witty, wise sayings compiled in volume

books

By
BERNARD BASKIN

Uncommon Sense: The World's Fullest Compendium of Wisdom. By Joseph Telushkin. Shapolsky Publishers, $14.95 U.S.

Are you familiar with these gems of uncommon sense?

• A jury consists of 12 persons chosen to decide who has the better lawyer. (Robert Frost)

• If we discovered that we had only five minutes left to say all we wanted to say, every telephone booth would be occupied by people calling each other to stammer that they loved them. (Christopher Morley)

• No man is a hero to his wife's psychiatrist. (Dr. Eric Berne)

• When a father gives to his son both laugh, when a son gives to his father both cry. (Yiddish proverb)

• No man ever said on his deathbed, "I wish I had spent more time on my business." (Paul Tsongas)

• I wish I could stand on a busy corner, hat in hand, and beg people to throw me all their wasted hours. (Bernard Berenson)

• When a poor man eats chicken, one of them is sick. (Yiddish proverb)

• You are not as good as you think you are, and the world is not as bad as you think it is. (Rabbi Wolf of Strikov)

These quotations are typical of the sayings, insights, thoughts and aphorisms that are included in this entertaining and often inspiring compilation. Under four basic headings: between man and man, between man and God, between man and himself, and between man and the world, the author has subsumed words of wisdom from statesmen, theologians, poets, philosophers and comedians. The names range from Maimonides and Gandhi to Buber and Woody Allen.

A welcome feature (not always true of anthologies of this kind) is the amount of space devoted to quotations from Jewish sources, both old and new.

One of the problems in culling aphorisms arises when more than one famous person has been credited with authorship of the same familiar quote. "I can resist everything except temptation" has appeared in the writings of Oscar Wilde, Mark Twain, Mae West and W. C. Fields. The author credits the quote to Wilde. This does not necessarily prove that Oscar said it first.

There are, of course, many similar sayings whose authorship remains questionable.

Most memorable sayings are terse or show an unusual or unexpected twist of speech or logic. When Babe Ruth was asked in 1930 how he felt about making more money than the president of the United States, he said, "I had a better year than he did." When Stalin was asked in 1948 what the Pope would say to a proposed strategy, he responded, "How many divisions has the Pope?" Will Kommen is right when he asserts, "Anybody who looks like their passport photo is too sick to travel."

This provocative, witty and irreverent miscellany would have been improved with an index of those responsible for the quotations. Also, the book's subtitle, "The World's Fullest Compendium of Wisdom," is sheer chutzpah.

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Precious Legacy exhibit a watershed for Marta Hauer

Fabric artist works only on finely crafted Judaica

By
MARK DODICK

TORONTO —
For Marta Hauer seeing the blockbuster exhibition The Precious Legacy last year marked a turning point in her life and art.

The monumental show of religious articles and other items stolen by the Nazis from the Czechoslovakian Jews moved Hauer, a survivor of Theresienstadt, deeply.

A textile designer and fabric artist by training, she was at that time becoming unable to continue her craft (which involved much bending and stretching over large pieces of cloth) because of worsening back problems.

Though not personally religious, Hauer was inspired by the devotional objects she saw to start creating her own tallesim, challah and matzoh covers, Torah mantles and other items.

"If it weren't for Hitler maybe I wouldn't even know I was a Jew. It was very sad that he had to come around to teach us," she says reflecting on her war experiences.

Hauer has worked exclusively on Judaica, she says, ever since seeing The Precious Legacy. She produces some work for Dorion Fine Judaica (875 Eglinton Ave. W), and also shows pieces in the recently renovated exhibition space in front of her studio at 460 Dupont St.

"We went to see The Precious Legacy with great apprehension because we remember when all those things were taken away from us," recalls Hauer, who was born in a small village in Czechoslovakia in 1933.

"The way I was touched by it was manifold. The fact is I like to do those things, and I remembered how the Nazis took everything their heart desired.

"It was a very emotional thing for us. I said to myself that Judaica is something I have to do."

Hauer, whose mother encouraged her creative activity at home as a child because the Nazis prohibited Jews from going to school, was interned in the Theresienstadt concentration camp from about 1944 until liberation in 1945.

Her father died in the camp; her mother, shortly after being freed.

She and her brother joined a Hashomer Hatzair youth group and moved to Kibbutz Kfar Masaryk (named after the first president of Czechoslovakian Democratic Republic).

Though she was responsible for looking after babies and children at the kibbutz, she continued her creative pursuits, making decorations for Pesach among other things.

After leaving the kibbutz, Hauer studied child care in Tel Aviv, married her husband, Ezra, now a professor of civil engineering at the University of Toronto, and had her first child, Igal.

"My husband encouraged me to study something more related to art and something that would allow me to be home with the children and that was when I decided to take up textile design."

She attended the School of Textile Design in Tel Aviv for one year in 1958. She had her second child, Gil, in 1960, and began to work out of her home doing designs for wall hangings and fabric printing for clothing and furnishing.

In 1966, she moved with her family to Berkley, Calif., and while her husband worked on a PhD at UCLA, she studied fine art at Laney College of Art.

The family moved to Toronto in 1970 after Ezra received an invitation to teach at U of T. Unable to find a factory to do her textile designs, Marta turned to batik wall hangings and showed her work at the Merton and Shaw-Rimmington galleries.

She completed commissions for Sunnybrook Medical Centre, Mississauga Hospital, and the Oakville Correctional Centre, and a few years later, a parochet for the Solel Congregation in Mississuaga.

While her husband was on sabbatical in Great Britain in 1976, she studied art again at the University of Reading and showed her work in a London gallery.

When she returned to Toronto, Hauer stopped working on batiks and began exploring painted fabrics, which she worked with until seeing The Precious Legacy.

Marta Hauer

"I got the idea (from seeing the exhibit) that very few people invest time in doing nice things. Everything is done in such a hurry.

"I got the craving to do things which are beautiful and which would satisfy me, and this is what started my whole Judaica project," she says.

She started by making a single tallis for a friend, and soon had her first show at Dorion in September, and a second one in the Phillip Smith Foyer at Holy Blossom Temple in November.

Another exhibit of her work was held at the Leah Posluns Theatre in December in conjunction with a performance of the 1-man play Sholem Aleichem.

Today, she creates all, or almost all, ceremonial items made of cloth, carefully working in fabric paint, silk, thread and beading.

She also does colorful abstractions in water-based media with Hebrew calligraphy related to Tehilim and passages she reads in the Tanach.

The commissions Hauer is working on now include a tallis that will be given as an anniversary gift. A tallis and tallis-bag cost between $300 and $500 depending on the fabric and intricacy of the design, she says.

"I'm very careful about finishing things neatly and carefully," says Hauer. "I want my work to survive for many years. It has to be well executed."

Acknowledging her own good fortune today after an early life filled with tragedy, Hauer says, "I'm lucky because of the support of my husband. I am lucky to be doing something I like so much."

Those interested in seeing Hauer's work should contact her at her studio at (416) 532-8182.

Theresa Tova adds needed spice to unpalatable Quiche My What!

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —
The newest topical musical revue in town, called *Quiche My What!*, has a title that's unpalatable and too many rehashed sketches about yuppies that are indigestible.

Fortunately, though, it's flavored with a very spicy ingredient named Theresa Tova, whose warmth and wit and comic delivery combine to make this otherwise unevenly prepared quiche quite delicious.

She began acting in Yiddish at the Peretz School in Calgary, was wonderful as Bloody Mary in *South Pacific* at the Limelight Theatre, and stole the show as the brazen Mrs. Van Daan in the recent local production of *Diary Of Anne Frank*.

She's a scene-stealer extraordinaire at her funniest in *Quiche My What!* (a vulgar, putdown title that advises yuppies to "Kiss My Behind!").

It's a curious insult when you consider that Vince Grittani, its Toronto writer, lyricist, director and co-producer, made his reputation on the basis of *Yuppies*, the very amusing 1985 musical hit that glorified the upwardly mobile professional young trendies.

Theresa Tova, as Dr. Polly Esther, a Yuppies Anonymous therapist, is the winning star of Quiche My What!

In the program notes for his new satirical revue (running for an open-end engagement at the refurbished, 200-seat Studio Cabaret in the Hampton Court Hotel, 415 Jarvis St., 923-8170), Grittani writes:

"The myth is dead. From the ashes of Yuppies, the phoenix has risen. The age of the new collar worker has dawned . . ."

Regretably, Grittani's cast of four gifted young revue performers devote too much time to debunking yuppies before elevating his ordinary working-class stiffs.

For example, their talents are wasted in a sketch called Y.A., an acronym for Yuppies Anonymous. Tova, playing the role of Dr. Polly Esther, a therapist with a Freudian Wiener-schnitzel accent, tries to "de-yuppyize" her three hopelessly with-it patients. It's stale stuff.

Her confederates in satirical mayhem lack her magnetic stage presence, but they do have their beguiling moments.

I thought Barbara Wheeldon and Stewart Code were particularly charming in a sketch called Different Perspective. She's a matronly Mississauga widow and he's a handsome physician half her age who answers her lonelyhearts ad. It's rather sweet.

Denise Pidgeon, a cute elf with a ponytail, who was a delight a few years ago in *Forbidden Broadway* at the Strand Dinner Theatre, is equally delightful here as a bratty Shirley Temple with precocious tastes who keeps popping up in a recurring blackout sketch called Keeping Up With The Joneses.

Tova's powers of mimicry enhance every sketch she's in, whether as a hairdresser who dreams of living the former life of Shirley MacLaine or as a dotty bag lady in a Scottish tam and pushing a shopping buggy swiped from Loblaw's.

And all four are funny and touching as misfits attending a high school reunion.

It's by no means a perfect quiche, but largely thanks to Tova and some cheery, sentimental tunes by composer Stephen Woodjetts, it's a delectably tasty dish.

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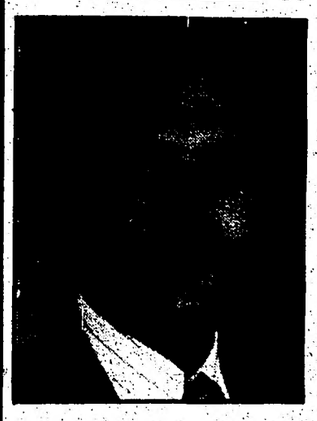
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Arts

Soprano Carol Vaness is a standout as the villainess Elettra in Mozart's Idomeneo at the O'Keefe Centre.

Idomeneo antiquated, but music is sublime

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

A press release from the Canadian Opera Company heralded its version of the rarely produced *Idomeneo* by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart as the composer's "earliest mature masterwork."

That's perfectly accurate. The music, written when the Austrian genius was a mere stripling of 24, is full of lovely and lyrical passages on the strings and woodwinds which are the equal of his later creations for *The Marriage of Figaro* and *Don Giovanni*.

But the press release is stretching things too far when, comparing this opera to Giuseppe Verdi's masterpiece, it claims that *Idomeneo* "is Mozart's *Aida*."

That is gross hype.

True, like Verdi's *Aida*, the Mozart has a spectacular and exotic setting. Toronto designer Michael Levine has seen to that; he has created breathtakingly beautiful Greek columns and pale-blue Isle of Crete scenery and a fabulous full-scale ship's sails and gorgeous court costumes to match. The lavish decor is a major part of the show being staged at the O'Keefe Centre.

Nevertheless, in terms of drama, *Aida* it ain't. Good grand opera is melodrama, and Verdi was blessed with librettists who cobbled together for him plots of scorching passion and bigger-than-life characters who collided like cannon balls.

Unfortunately, for *Idomeneo*, Mozart had imposed upon him by court dictate a libretto by the high-minded Abbe Giambattista Varesco and the stilted operatic style known as *opera seria* (meaning "serious opera").

It was lofty, formalized opera that featured legendry, conflict with the gods as its dramaturgy, and static solo arias performed while the chorus stood by like serried ranks of statues. Theatrically speaking, it was dull stuff.

Indeed, it had already gone out of style, and *Idomeneo* had a grand total of four performances in Mozart's lifetime following its initial production in 1781 at Munich's Electoral Court Theatre.

In short, it flopped.

However, artistic director Lotfi Mansouri deserves much credit for exhuming this half-baked Mozartian masterwork from oblivion.

The absurd storyline focuses on the promise made by Idomeneo, the king of the mythical island of Crete, to the sea god Neptune. Because Neptune has spared his life during a storm on his return from Troy, the king vows to sacrifice the first person he meets on shore.

That person turns out to be his own son, who in turn, is the centre of an amorous tug of war for his affections between two princesses — one, the angelic blonde Ilia, and the other, the raven-haired villainess Elettra.

Villainy is always more interesting than purity, and thus American soprano Carol Vaness is easily the standout performer amid the other bland characters.

I also admired the fine singing and acting of tenor Peter Kazaras in a minor role as advisor to Seigfried Jerusalem, the Wagnerian Metropolitan Opera, who is merely so-so in the nambypamby title role.

Soprano Ruth Ann Swenson has a pretty face and a passable pretty voice in the role of the demure blonde.

Interestingly, to show how antiquated this opera is, it called for the services of one of those now extinct breed of singers known as castrati (male sopranos with their testes chopped off) to play the role of the king's son. Mezzo soprano Delores Ziegler also does a pedestrian job, seeming as virile as a cream puff.

She is clearly better at the job than the male mezzo-soprano castrato, Vincenzo Dal Prato, who originated the part 206 years ago. In one of his letters, Mozart lambasted the poor chap in these words: "His singing is disgraceful . . . Why, the fellow is rotten to the core."

In fact, the most powerful male voice is not visible onstage. It's the amplified offstage bellowing of the god Neptune in the last act.

In a letter to his father, Mozart complained bitterly, not about the singing voice of the fellow who played god, but about the windy lines given to him by the librettist: "Tell me, don't you think the speech of the subterranean Voice is too long? . . . If the Ghost's speech in *Hamlet* were not so long, it would become more effective."

Mozart went further than that. Generally speaking, he suggested the florid lines written by the librettist ought to be cut drastically. "Otherwise," he warned, "they would certainly prove tedious."

Mozart clearly was a perceptive opera critic, years ahead of his time. Now, two centuries later, the lines of recitative declaimed by the characters are still tedious. Happily, though, the music remains sufficiently sublime even for the gods.

Zemel Chorale here April 30

Mizrahi to perform with choir

music

By
RICK KARDONNE

Cantor Alberto Mizrahi will perform with London's Zemel Chorale at Beth Emeth at 8 p.m. April 30.

Born in Athens and currently residing in Cleveland Heights, Mizrahi represents the most ideal fusion of Ashkenazi and Sephardi heritages. While most of his material is Ashkenazi, having spent most of his adult life in the U.S., Mizrahi's style is thoroughly imbued with the Mediterranean flair of the Greek Sephardi heritage.

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Cantor Alberto Mizrahi

Special interest is always derived from their intricate vocal arrangements. This chorale befits the sum effort of many fine talents from London, the world's fourth largest Diaspora Jewish population centre.

In short, this will be a major event. Further information: call Beth Emeth at 633-3838.

The concert will be sponsored by Shearim Hebrew Day School for children with learning disabilities.

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Russian-born Mark Gurovsky is one of Canada's very best pianists. His repertoire represents the ultimate in musical knowledge and sophistication — always tackling technically demanding works of substance which are intellectually stimulating.

His most recent recital at St. Andrew's Church across the street from Roy Thomson Hall was no exception. He began with Cesar Franck's rarely heard but significant Prelude, Chorale and Fugue, a dramatically massive suite which represents a pivotal bridge between the tonally romantic and atonally modern periods.

The concluding fugue epitomizes this transition in grandly spectacular style.

From this heady fare, Gurovsky then performed an authoritative rendition of Chopin's B-minor Sonata, which contains the famous funeral march. Here, his appropriately graceful flamboyance brought forth the intended romantic ardor.

But perhaps the most remarkable portion of this fine concert was the second half: a comprehensive presentation of the great versatility and creative genius of Sergei Rachmaninoff.

Mark Gurovsky performed four Preludes (none of them the familiar one), which exemplified Rachmaninoff's great variety of contrast in mood between the very loud and dramatic Opus #23 No. 2 and the tenderly soft Opus #23 No. 6.

His concluding work, the B-flat Minor Sonata original version, displayed the proclivities for modern harmonic innovation that often permeated Rachmaninoff's work, but are too little known to wider audiences. One can easily see that Rachmaninoff was the true bridge between Tchaikovsky and Stravinsky.

It is fervently hoped that Toronto's serious music scene will give Mark Gurovsky far greater recognition than he has yet received.

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Youth and Music Canada will present the Crankee Consort's propduction of String Dreams, for children aged 3-7, April 25 at Roy Thomson Hall at 9.30 a.m.

Featuring classical guitarist Larry Lewis with puppets made by Jane Low-Beer, the Crankee Consort combines live performances of original and classical music with artfully produced puppet plays.

Jewish unity shown in recent concert, sponsor body says

TORONTO —

The recent annual Jewish Music Festival's choral music concert was a demonstration in song of the Jewish people's unity, according to Ben Steinberg, co-chairman of the sponsoring Toronto Jewish Congress music committee.

The final selection in particular bore this out, he said. Julius Chajes' *El Yivneh Hagalil*, under the direction of Charles Heller, filled the sanctuary of Beth Sholom with the sound of nearly 300 voices, the combined members of all 11 participating choirs.

"The dedication and commitment that have gone into this concert," he told an overflow audience at its conclusion, "have created a statement of unity like no other."

Steinberg also noted the formation of the Jewish Music Society of Toronto, to "encourage the performance of Jewish music, the creation of new works, and the presentation of scholarly works."

For the first time, Shaarei Shomaym Congregation's choir, led by conductor David Young and Cantor Harold Klein, was a participant. Its 60 members, young boys and men, comprised the concert's Orthodox entry.

All participating were:

- The Shaarei Beth El choir, conducted by Lis Manson.
- The Beth Sholom Choir, conducted by Cantor David Bagley.
- The Heritage Singers, conducted by Edith Komisar.
- Beth Emeth Beth Yehuda's Zemer Chorale, conducted by Heller.
- The Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Choir, conducted by Brahm Goldhamer.
- Beth Tikvah Choir, conducted by Srul Irving Glick, whose original works were performed.
- The Holy Blossom Temple Singers, conducted by Cantor Benjamin Maissner.
- The Temple Sinai Choir, conducted by Ben Steinberg.
- The Tehilla University Choir, by Michelle Green, whose *Medinateinu* Our Country) was composed to mark David Ben-Gurion's centenary.

In his introductory remarks, Ralph Shiff, past chairman of the TJC Cultural Council, said that "modern Jewish composers strengthen an important vehicle for Jewish survival."

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Dame Joan emotes only in death scene

COC's Lecouvreur hampered by unmemorable arias

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

It's easy to see why *Adriana Lecouvreur*, a seldom performed musical potboiler by a little-known Italian composer named Francesco Cilea, appealed to Dame Joan Sutherland.

It appealed to the *grande dame* in the 60-year-old Australian opera diva, who has been drawing record crowds with it to the Canadian Opera Company production at the O'Keefe Centre.

It similarly appealed to the histrionic ego of Sarah Bernhardt, when the 57-year-old Jewish prima donna of the Comedie Francaise toured America in a dramatized version of it in 1880.

The pair of queens of the stage found irresistible the notion of portraying a notorious tragedienne who, in true life, was the rags-to-riches daughter of a drunken pastry cook. Adriana shrewdly tacked an aristocratic "Le" on to her last name.

She audaciously set out to revolutionize the flowery, declamatory style of acting then widespread in the French theatre by stripping it down to natural simplicity. She thus rose from being an obscure laundress to the most illustrious superstar of the Comedie Francaise in the 18th century.

"She had all the virtues except virtue," they said of her magnetic personality.

She was brainy enough to become the lifelong intimate of the brilliant satirist, Voltaire. And she had enough sex appeal to become the mistress of a good many of the court gentry in a period when actresses were deemed social pariahs.

She was particularly famous for feuding with a duchess for the affections of a dashing, militaristic nobleman, known as Count Moritzia in the opera and Count Maurice in real life, who at 24 became a marshal in the French army.

In real life, the rival duchess was thwarted after reputedly trying to murder Adriana with a package of poisonous lozenges. In the opera, her rival in love — elevated to the title of princess — successfully kills her in the last act with a nosegay of poisoned violets.

So, with all this melodramatic exotica going for it, it's little wonder that the Divine Sarah, in her century, and the Majestic Joan, in ours, were enticed into limning the love story of *Adriana Lecouvreur*.

Bernhardt had the chutzpah to jazz up the draggy storyline of her theatrical adaptation of the original antiquated drama by French playwrights Eugene Scribe and Ernest Legouve.

But Sutherland is straitjacketed by the unmemorable arias composed by Francesco Cilea, which are either too teary or too sugary, and the cliche-ridden lyrics by librettist Arturo Colautti. Two samples of the similes I jotted down illustrate their truly gross awfulness: "My heart is beating like a clock" and "He is like the sun shining through the clouds."

Sutherland is also handicapped by her own inadequacies as an actress. At 60, her coloratura soprano remains a vocal marvel that is still wondrously pure. But she has apparently become too much the *grande dame* to emote with passion.

Resplendent in a gown of imperial purple, she makes her entrance backstage at the Comedie Francaise surrounded by an elegant claque of bewigged Stage Door Johnnies. And she looks as imposing and inviolable as Queen Victoria as she announces, "I am the humble handmaiden of genius."

She then stalks through three acts of court intrigues and trysts exhibiting as much emotion as Margaret Dumont, that stately and prow-bosomed foil for Groucho Marx in *A Night At The Opera*.

She warms up at last only in her 4th-act death scene, dying with affecting pathos in the arms of the count who has come to propose marriage, and an actress to the end, uttering her grandiose curtain line: "Stand back, profane ones! I am the Greek muse of tragedy."

She is backed by a strong cast.

In the role of the nobleman-soldier, Italian tenor Alberto Cupido looks more like her curly-haired, boyish grandson than her lover. But the graduate of La Scala performs with charm and has a voice of such beauty that you forget the dreadful lines he has to utter.

Likewise, Lorna Myers, a flashing-eyed beauty with a dark mezzo soprano voice that has been honed at the Metropolitan Opera, is wonderfully convincing as Adriana's poisonous rival.

Despite its manifold drawbacks, the COC deserves plaudits for bringing us this Canadian premiere of a backstage operatic melodrama and the opportunity to hear once again the *grande dame* who has rightly been called "La Stupenda."

Dame Joan Sutherland stars as a notorious French actress in Adriana Lecouvreur at O'Keefe Centre.

Fox rises above film's silly plot

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

No film can really succeed on the strength of one actor, however good he or she may be, and *The Secret Of My Success* is no different.

Michael J. Fox, a Canadian who has achieved notable success in Hollywood of late, is a spunky performer. He has a certain presence and style, and although he is no Lawrence Olivier, the aura of stardom hovers over him.

Even someone as talented and accomplished as Fox cannot salvage Herbert Ross' pedestrian comedy, now playing at Cineplex Odeon theatres.

Fox, with his endearingly throaty voice, elfin appearance and perfect timing, runs through *The Secret Of My Success* like a fullback making a brilliant touchdown. In short, he's just right as Brantley Foster, a smart, fast-thinking, ambitious college graduate who's determined to succeed in the corporate jungle of New York City.

To Foster, a Midwestern farm boy, the Big Apple is "Kansas, intensified." Through Herbert Ross' eyes, New York is a grand, pulsating, impersonal city with no heart at all. David Foster's music score, which is loud and brassy and appealing, certainly contributes to that impression.

The film starts auspiciously, with our hero stunned to discover that "a hostile takeover" has eliminated the job he was promised, and that the luxury apartment he was assured of is nothing but a ratty cell.

Adversity, however, does not daunt him. Contacting a long-lost uncle (Richard Jordan), the president of a major corporation and the epitome of ruthlessness, Foster winds up as a lowly mailboy with his sights set on the boardroom.

On his way to the top, he becomes involved with two women — Vera Prescott (Margaret Whitton), the boss's sexy wife, and Christy Wills (Helen Slater), the blond, doe-eyed Harvard grad who is having an affair with his uncle.

As the plot thickens, and thicken it does, **The Secret of My Success,** which is constructed on the conceit of mistaken identity, becomes progressively sillier, turning into an empty vessel with scarcely any redeeming features.

Fox, the ultimate trouper, manages to retain his poise throughout the nutty proceedings, but virtually everyone else falls by the wayside.

The secret of successful filmmaking seems to have eluded Herbert Ross.

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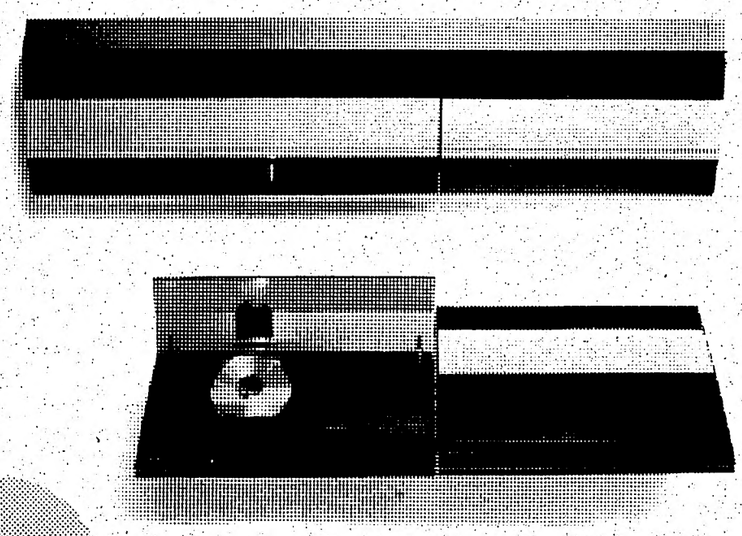

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A late summer trip to Israel offers the best of two worlds.

Spend a week diving in the Red Sea amongst shipwrecks, ruins and some of the most varied and colorful marine life anywhere in the world.

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"We found out through talking to scuba groups that very few Canadians have dived in the Red Sea," says Howard Katz of Travel Incorporated. "We thought it was about time."

The Red Sea diving trip is scheduled for Aug. 24 to Sept. 7 — a time when many might find the temperature in Eilat (the base of the diving portion of the trip) a little hot for their liking.

But Katz says there's a reason for that. "August is by far the time when marine animals are at their most prolific and visible. This includes the large species — sharks and rays — as well as millions of schooling fish," he says.

As well, the almost constant northerly breeze on the Red Sea takes some of the sting out of the high temperatures.

The first week of the trip is spent diving. After traveling to Eilat via Ben-Gurion airport, divers go directly on board their marine host, the Suellyn.

Operated by Lucky Divers Scuba Center, outfitters and guides for scuba enthusiasts in Eilat for several years, the Suellyn carries 12 plus crew.

All meals and wine are included on board ship and unlimited day/night dives at locations including Coral Heads, Becon Rock, Dan Raven, Ras Muhammad and Taba is encouraged.

Tanks, weights supplied

Oxygen tanks and weights are supplied but most divers bring their own regulator, wet suit, fins and mask. "Serious divers always bring the things they depend on," Katz says.

Most of the diving is in Egyptian waters so Travel Incorporated will arrange for the required "ship visa" for participants.

After the week of diving, trip-goers travel through the desert to Jerusalem and the Moriah Hotel, their base for five days while touring some of the highlights of Israel's vast historical legacy.

Tours range from the ancient fortress of Masada to Jerusalem with its fascinating array of religious and cultural attractions, nearby Bethlehem, and modern, bustling Tel Aviv.

The final day features a visit to Caesarea on the Mediterranean coast. The highlight of the tour of this city — which in Byzantine times was said to house 100,000 people — will be snorkeling through the ancient port, now underwater.

The trip ends with a farewell banquet in Tel Aviv and a 1 a.m. departure for Toronto. Participants who wish to take advantage of some of the remaining time on the 6-60 day ticket can travel on to Egypt or Europe and return home from a number of other cities.

This Red Sea trip, priced at $2999 Cdn., is open to any certified diver. Travel Incorporated is looking for 10 people per trip, and they'll have two groups if demand dictates, with everyone meeting in Tel Aviv on Sept. 6 to swap stories at the farewell banquet.

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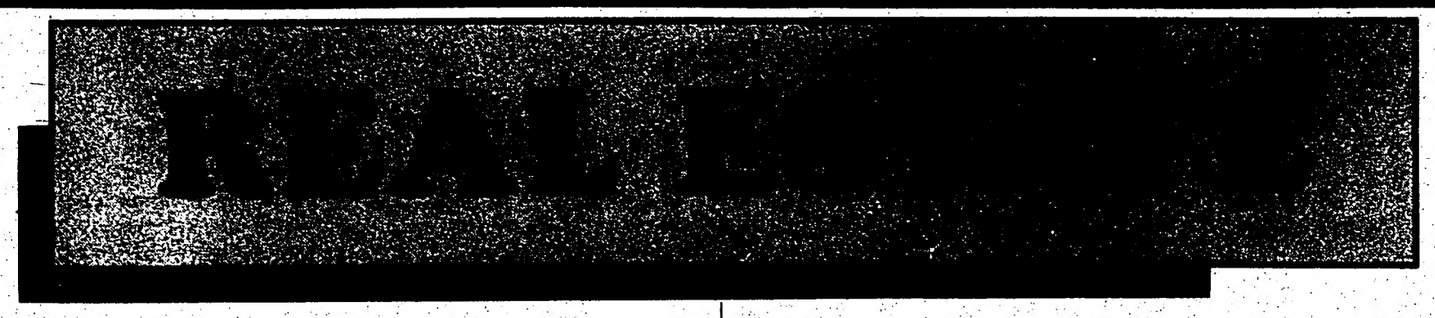

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Joan Collin on Mar. 25/87, late of 7 Rondale Blvd.

David Frank on Mar. 29/87, late of 131 Pape Ave.

Goldie Freedman on Mar. 22/87, late of 66 Cadillac Ave.

Esther Freilich on Mar. 28/87, late of 4190 Bathurst St., #408.

Irwin Frohman on Mar. 27/87, late of 136 Caribou Rd.

Sadie Goodman on Mar. 28/87, late of 6010 Bathurst St., #209.

Harry Jacobs on Mar. 20/87, late of 6000 Bathurst St., #1004.

Raoul Lewin on Apr. 1/87, late of 27 Farmview Cres.

George Lipson on Mar. 27/87, late of 449 Walmer Rd., #702.

Sam Madorsky on Mar. 31/87, late of 70 Montrose Ave.

George Papsin on Mar. 24/87, late of 2515 Bathurst St., #703.

Sam Peters on Mar. 30/87, late of 40 Cox Dr., #1.

Sam Rosen on Mar. 20/87, late of 3560 Bathurst St.

Marguerite Samuel on Mar. 24/87, late of Lincoln Place Nursing Home.

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WINNIPEG —
"I'm a fatalist," says Brian Kanee. "I believe you are what you are, that you can't go against your nature. I just wasn't cut out for a comfortable family business."

For Brian Kanee, the family business was the Soo Line Mills, one of Western Canada's leading grain companies, begun by his grandfather, Sam Kanee, back in the 1930s. The younger Kanee's calling however, was to literature and the arts rather than business.

From his mother, the late Clara Kanee, Brian gained a sense of culture and appreciation for the arts. From his baba, Riva Kanee, he credits his love of cooking.

"I learned at her knee," he said. "I always hung around the kitchen and still cook traditional Middle European food. I dedicated my first book to baba."

Thus far, Kanee is the author of three books, two of which are cookbooks.

Always drawn to writing, Kanee dabbled in journalism and public relations after finishing university in 1971. His ambition, however was to write a book. In the mid-70's, single and fending for himself, he was encouraged by friends to do a cookbook for bachelors. Thus was born How to Boil Water.

"I didn't know nothing from publishing," he said. "I had the book printed myself and took it on the road." Kanee peddled the book from Toronto to Vancouver and, in the process, was offered a deal by Mel Hurtig of Edmonton's Hurtig Publishers.

If he could sell 3,000 copies of the book within a year, Hurtig Publishers would pick it up. How to Boil Water has, so far, sold 30,000-35,000 copies.

His next project was a book on boredom. Written with the cooperation of psychologists Eli Weisstaub, a teacher at Berkeley, and Max Sucharov, the book described symptoms of boredom and included a simple test to determine the early signs of depression. Once again, going coast to coast, Kanee sold out the initial run of a few thousand copies. He didn't reprint it.

Two years ago, after several more years of freelance work, Kanee felt it was time to do another book. "There are a lot of young career people constantly on the go," he said. "What do they eat? Pasta and pizza, sandwiches and eggs."

Originally Just A Taste: Pasta, Pizza, Sandwiches, Eggs was to be published by Hurtig. The deal fell through leaving Kanee on his own again. He sold 1,000 copies to the trade, 6,000 to the Supervalue stores and left it at that.

Kanee has a tentative deal with a local publisher, Peguis Publishers, to do a cookbook this fall full of recipes for entertaining.

Beyond cookbooks, Kanee's interests include gardening on his 8-acre plot east of Winnipeg experimenting with different vegetables such as Mexican hot peppers and Navaho corn. He also enjoys hiking and reading.

While he is proud of his accomplishments and keeping the Kanee name before the public, there is occasionally a tinge of regret. "It's tough at 40 looking back on all those years where I could have been building financial security," he said.

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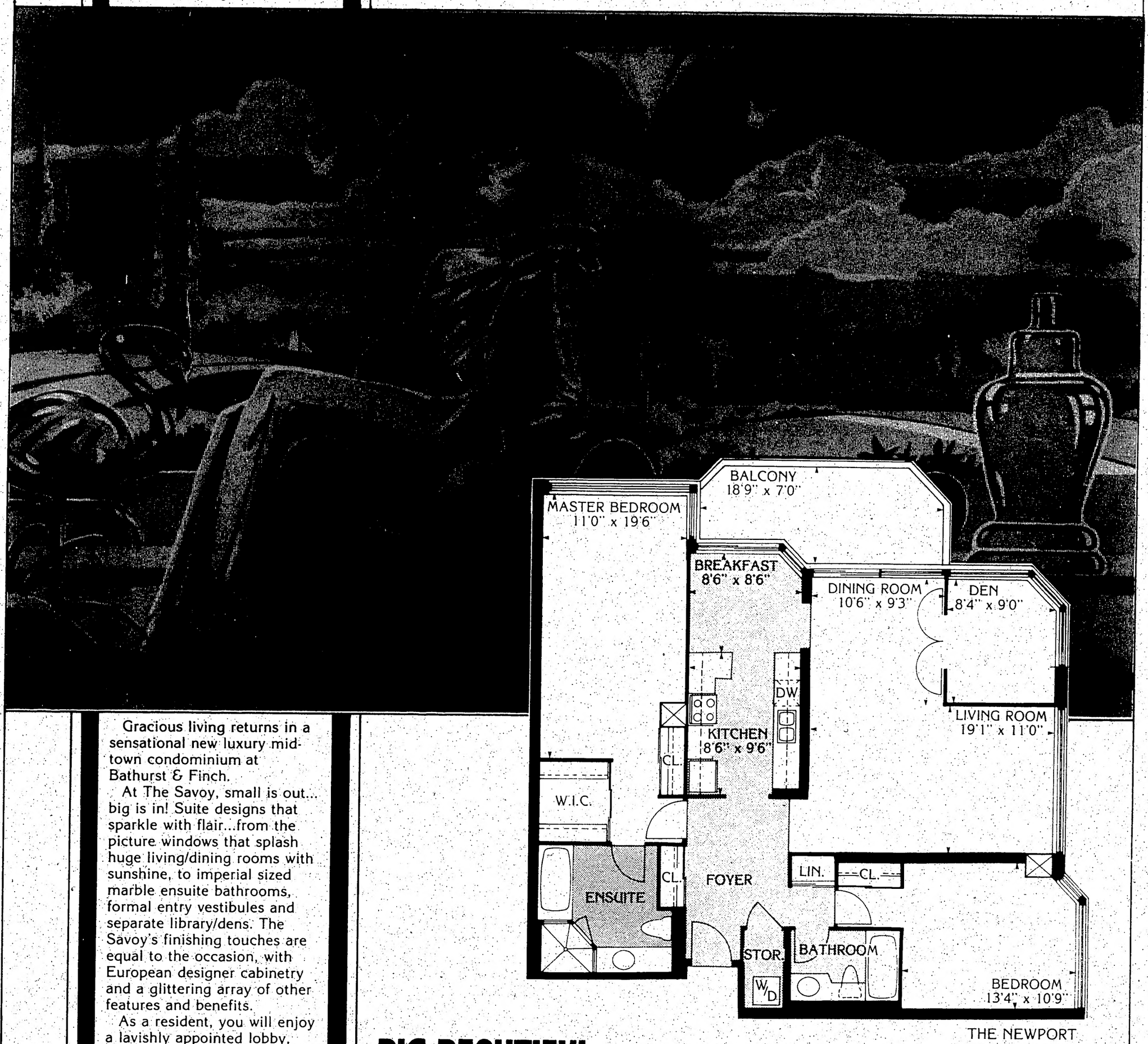

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